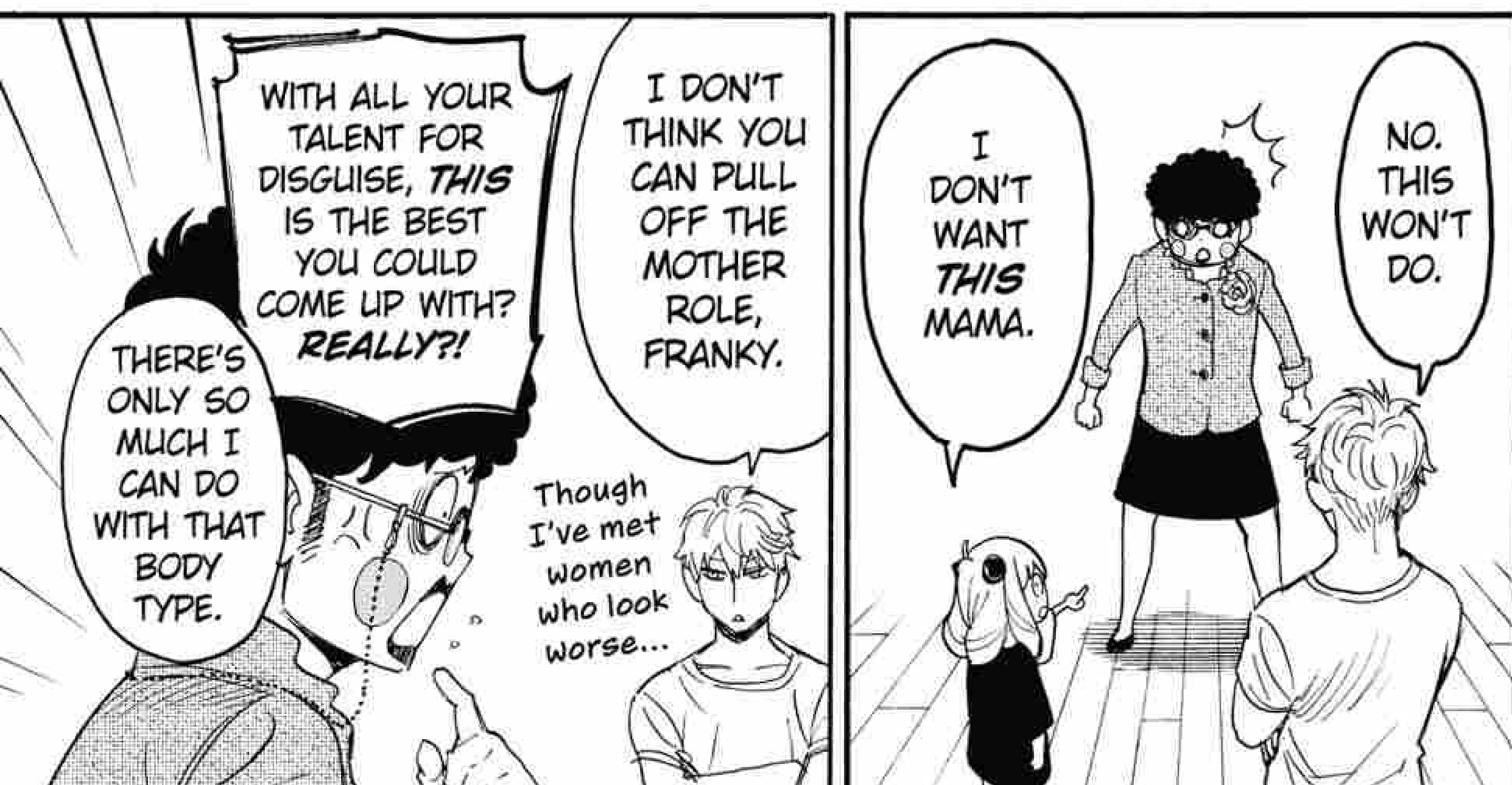




MISSION 2



AS A SPY
FROM A WESTALIS
INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,
I WAS ASSIGNED THIS
TOP SECRET MISSION.
THE GOAL IS TO
AVERT A WAR BEING
ENGINEERED BY
OSTANIAN POLITICAL
LEADER DONOVAN
DESMOND.

YOU CAN
HAVE A
PEANUT.

I CAME
ALL THIS
WAY TO
HELP, YOU
KNOW!

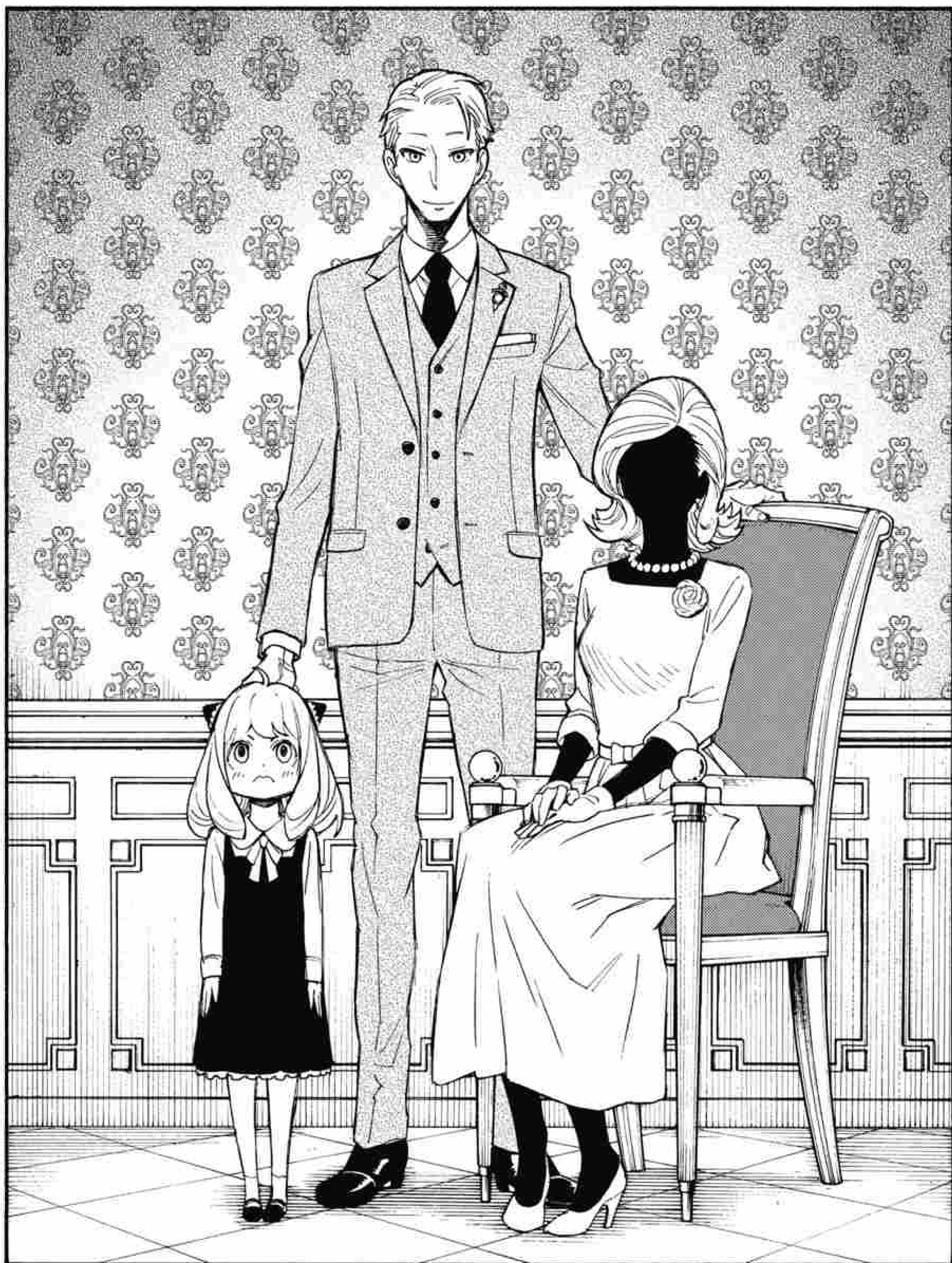
THIS IS
OPERATION
STRIX. MY
CODE NAME
IS TWILIGHT.

...BUT WE
FAILED TO
ANTICIPATE THAT
BOTH PARENTS
WOULD BE
REQUIRED TO
ATTEND THE
MANDATORY
FOLLOW-UP
INTERVIEW.

WE MANAGED
TO PASS THE
ENTRANCE EXAM
NEEDED TO WORK
OUR WAY INTO
OSTANIA'S
ELITE EDEN
ACADEMY...

THERE'S
NO WAY
AROUND IT,
THEN.

I'LL
GO FIND A
WIFE.



MISSION 2

CITY HALL
THE CAPITAL CITY OF BERLINT

DID YOU
HEAR THE
NEWS? OUR
OFFICES WERE
ROBBED!

BUT MY
BOYFRIEND
LOVES IT
WHEN I
WEAR
THEM!

IT'S
THOSE
SHORT
SKIRTS
YOU
WEAR.

HE WAS
OGLING ME
AGAIN THIS
MORNING!

NOTHING
CREEPS ME
OUT MORE
THAN OUR
SECTION
CHIEF.

DOESN'T
THAT
CREEP
YOU OUT?
HE MUST
BE SOME
KIND OF
PERVERT!

APPARENTLY
THE PERP ONLY
BROKE INTO
CABINETS
CONTAINING THE
PERSONNEL
FILES OF FEMALE
RESIDENTS.

DOESN'T
THE ROBBERY
CREEP YOU
OUT?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
YOR?

WHEN YOU
HAVE KIDS,
THAT SORT
OF THING
STOPS.

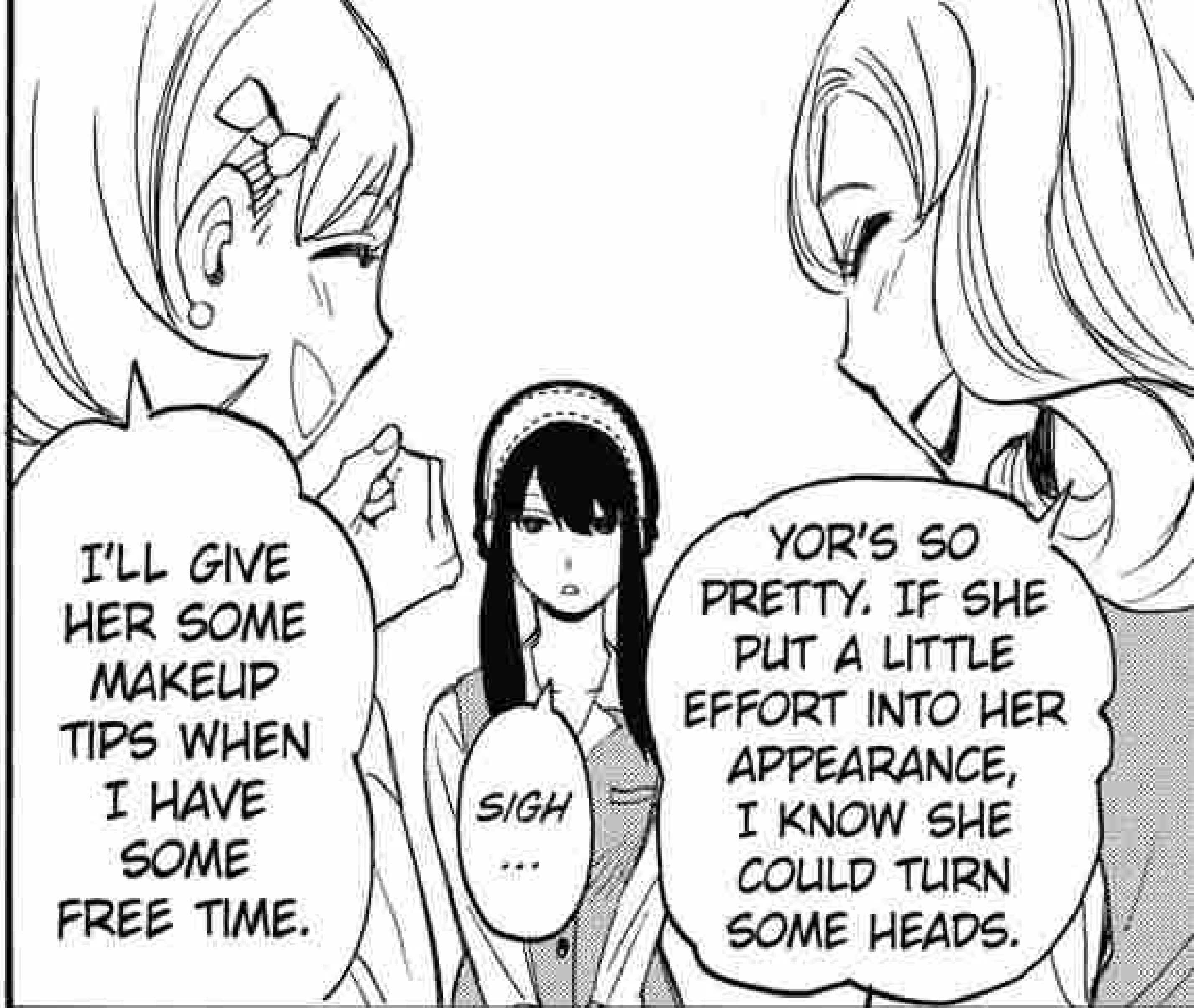
YOU'VE GOT
A GREAT
BODY,
SHARON. YOU
SHOULD SHOW
THOSE LEGS
OFF!





W H A A A T ?

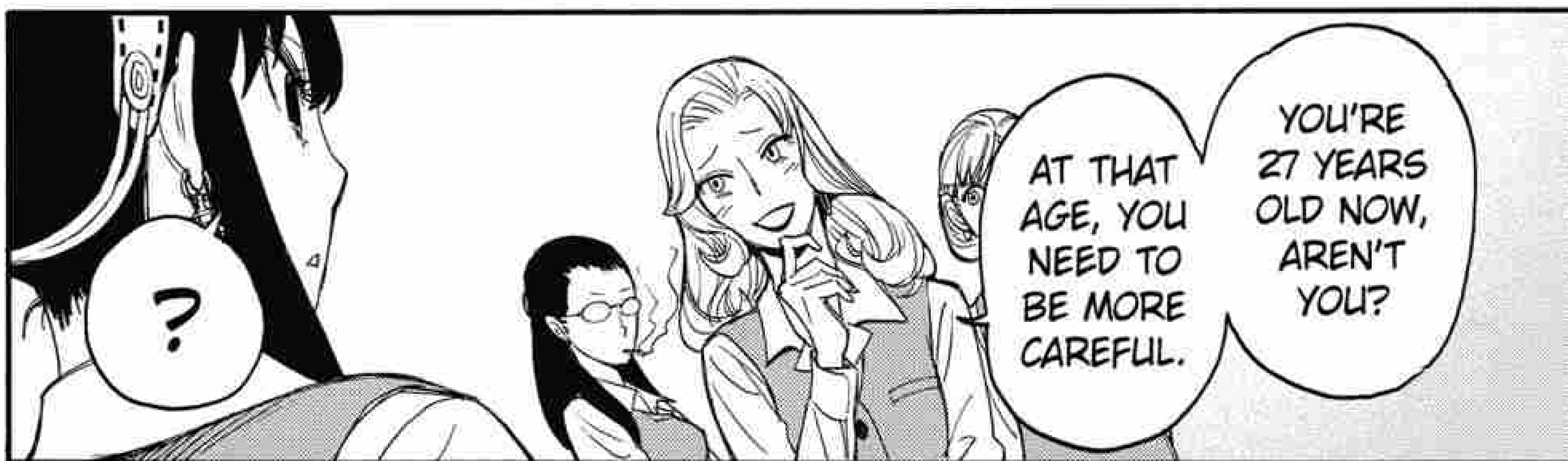
I JUST WANT TO KEEP WORKING. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.



I'LL GIVE HER SOME MAKEUP TIPS WHEN I HAVE SOME FREE TIME.

SIGH ...

YOR'S SO PRETTY. IF SHE PUT A LITTLE EFFORT INTO HER APPEARANCE, I KNOW SHE COULD TURN SOME HEADS.



?

AT THAT AGE, YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL.

YOU'RE 27 YEARS OLD NOW, AREN'T YOU?



YEAH, CAN YOU BELIEVE SOMEONE BEING SINGLE AT *THAT* AGE?

How sad!

IT'S SUSPICIOUS, ALL RIGHT.

HEH HEH

...



DIDN'T YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT 30-YEAR-OLD BACHELORETTE WHO WAS TURNED IN BY HER NEIGHBORS FOR BEING "SUSPICIOUS"?

Really?
THAT'S HILARIOUS.



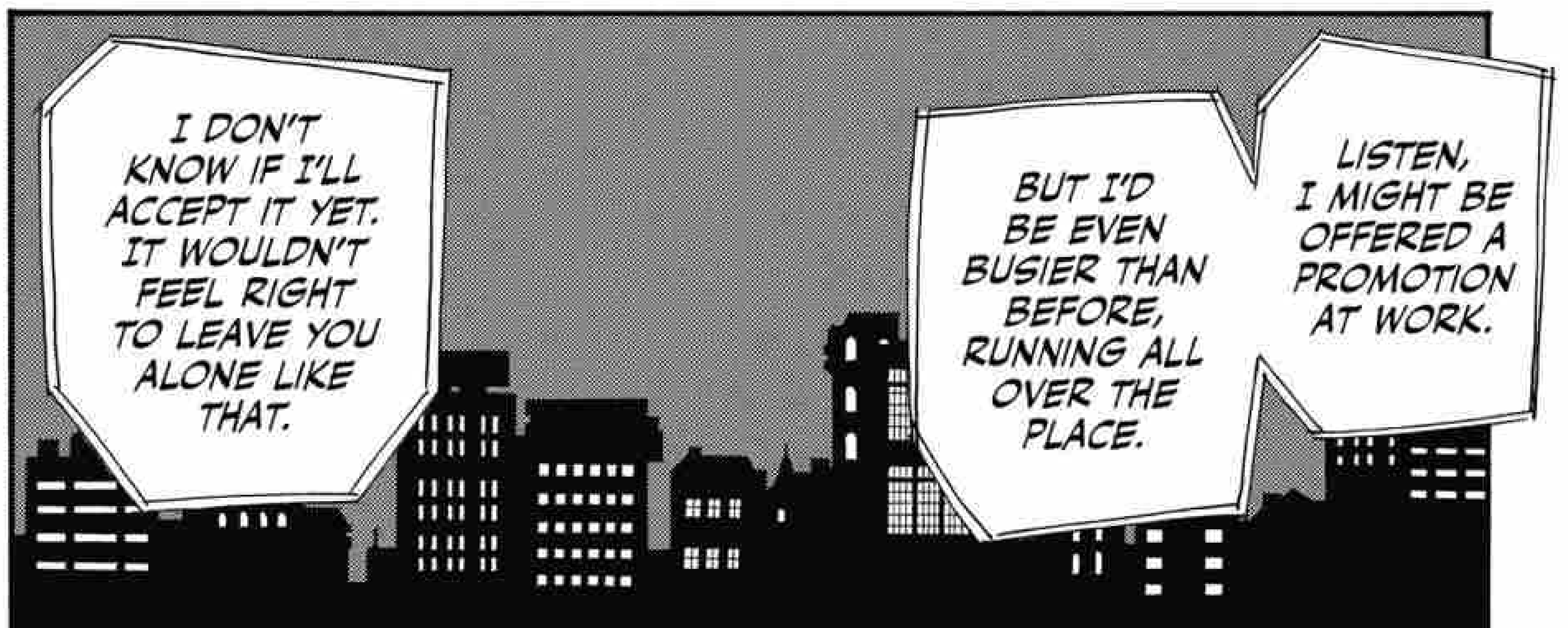
THEY SAY THERE ARE SPIES EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS.

AND NOW PEOPLE ARE REPORTING EACH OTHER OVER ANY LITTLE THING.





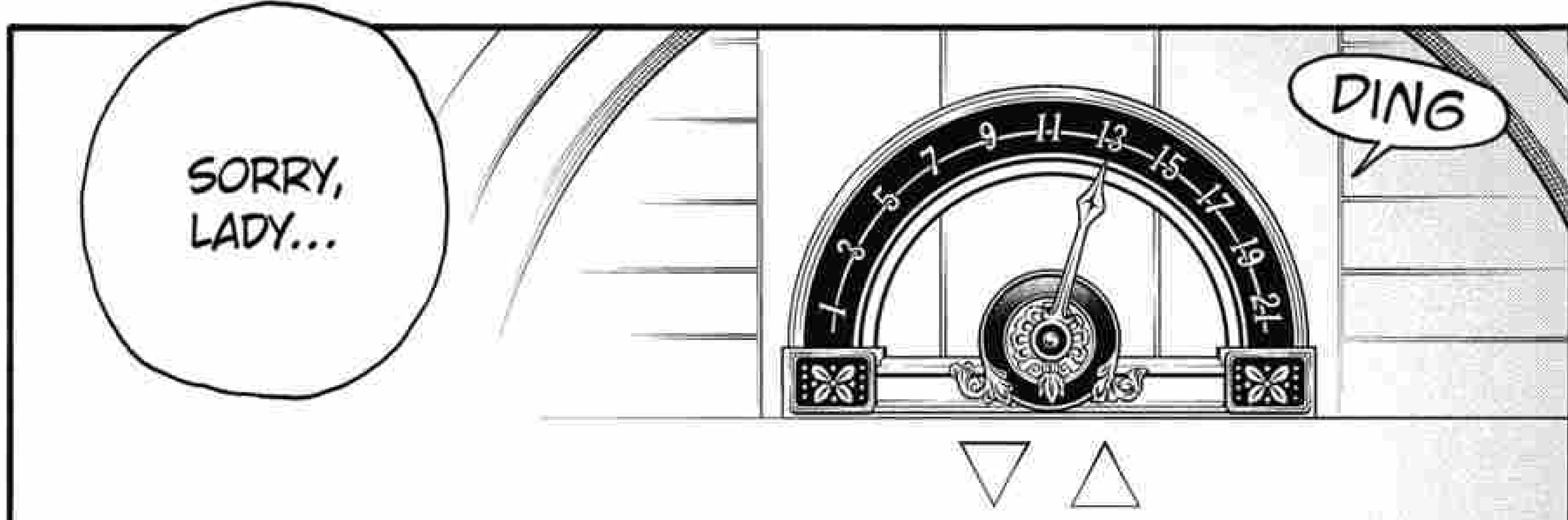
CHAK













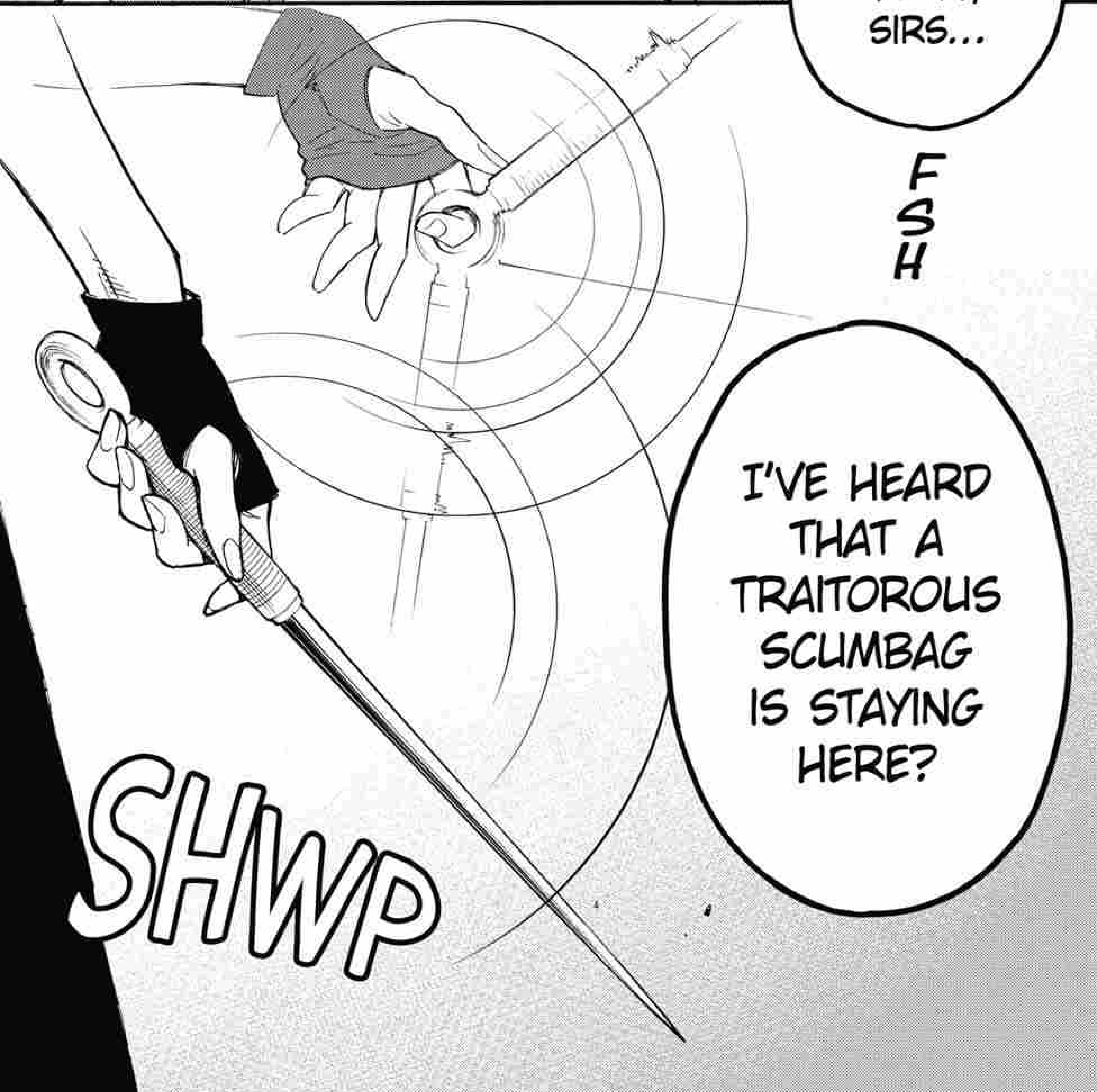
DID
SOME-
BODY
ORDER A
GIRL?

WE'VE
RENTED OUT
THIS WHOLE
FLOOR.

UH...



RESPECT-
FULLY,
SIRS...



F
S
H

I'VE HEARD
THAT A
TRAITOROUS
SCUMBAG
IS STAYING
HERE?

SHWP



MAY I
HAVE THE
HONOR OF
TAKING
YOUR LIFE?

CODE
NAME:
THORN
PRIN-
CESS

VICE
MINISTER
BRENNAN,
FROM THE
AUDITING
DEPART-
MENT
...

...I
PRE-
SUME?

I
APOLOGIZE
FOR THE
INTRUSION,
BUT...





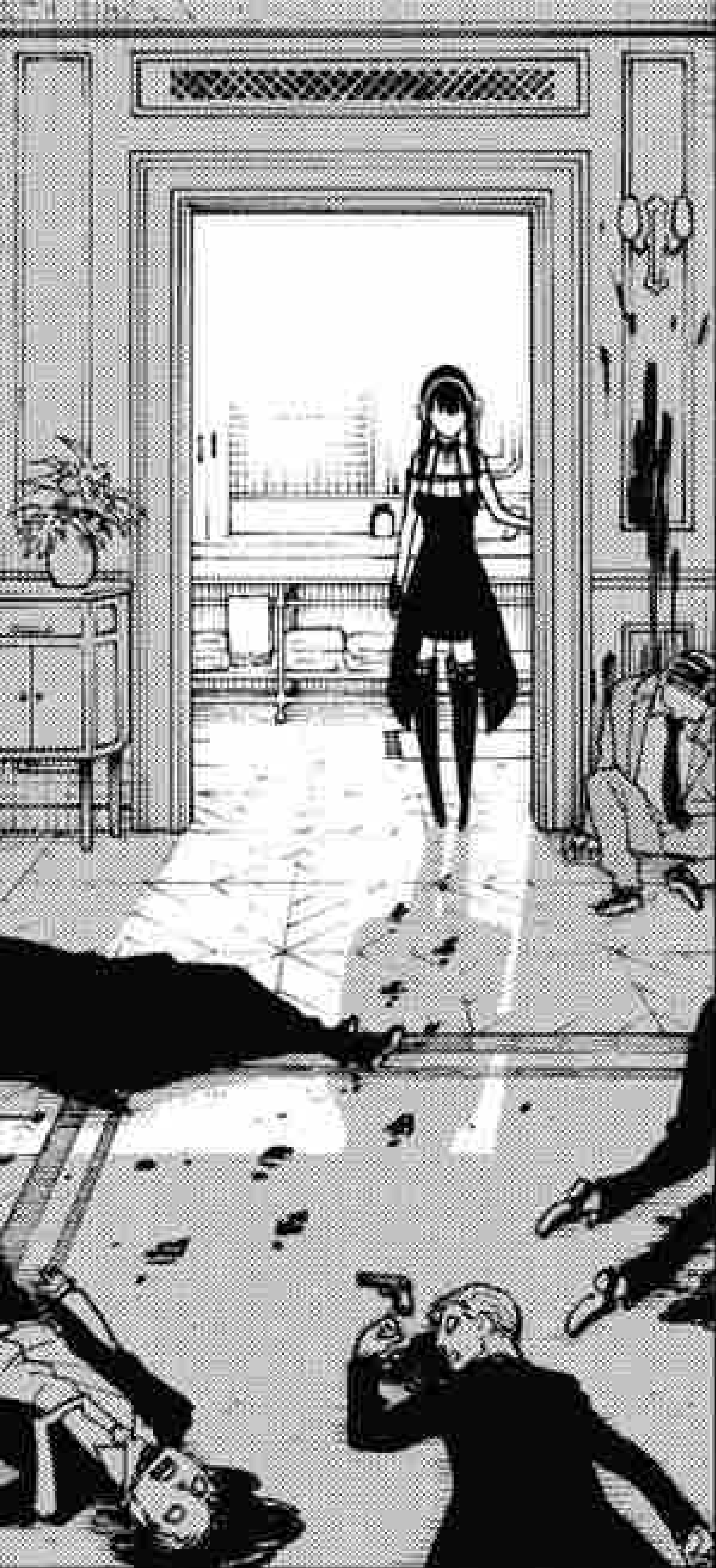
THE
WOMAN
WAS AN
ASSAS-
SIN.



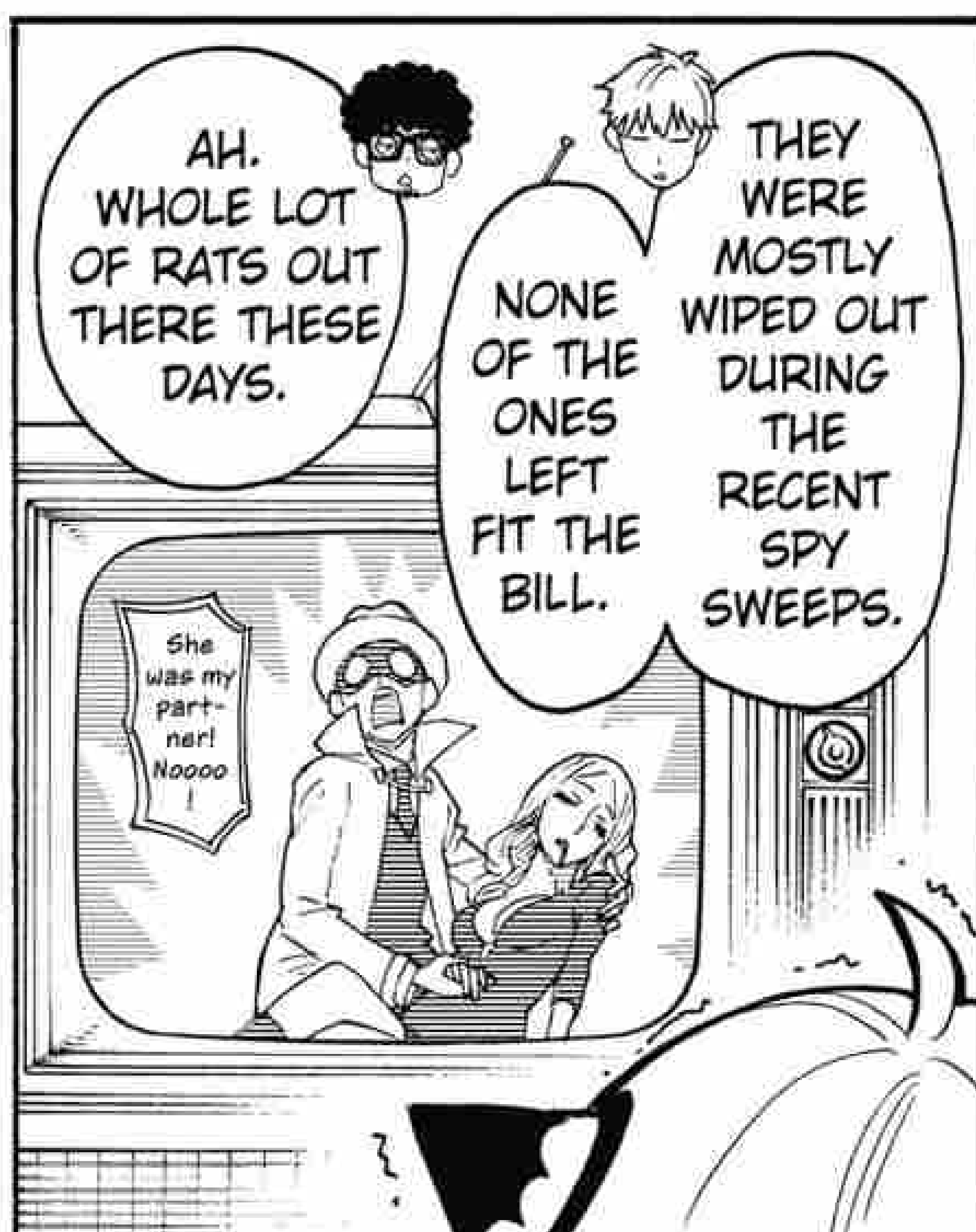
SHE'D
BEEN DOING
WHATEVER
DIRTY
WORK HER
EMPLOYER
HAD ASKED
OF HER
SINCE.

Ugh...
It won't
come
off...

THE SKILLS
OF HER
TRADE
HAD BEEN
DRILLED
INTO HER
FROM A
YOUNG
AGE.





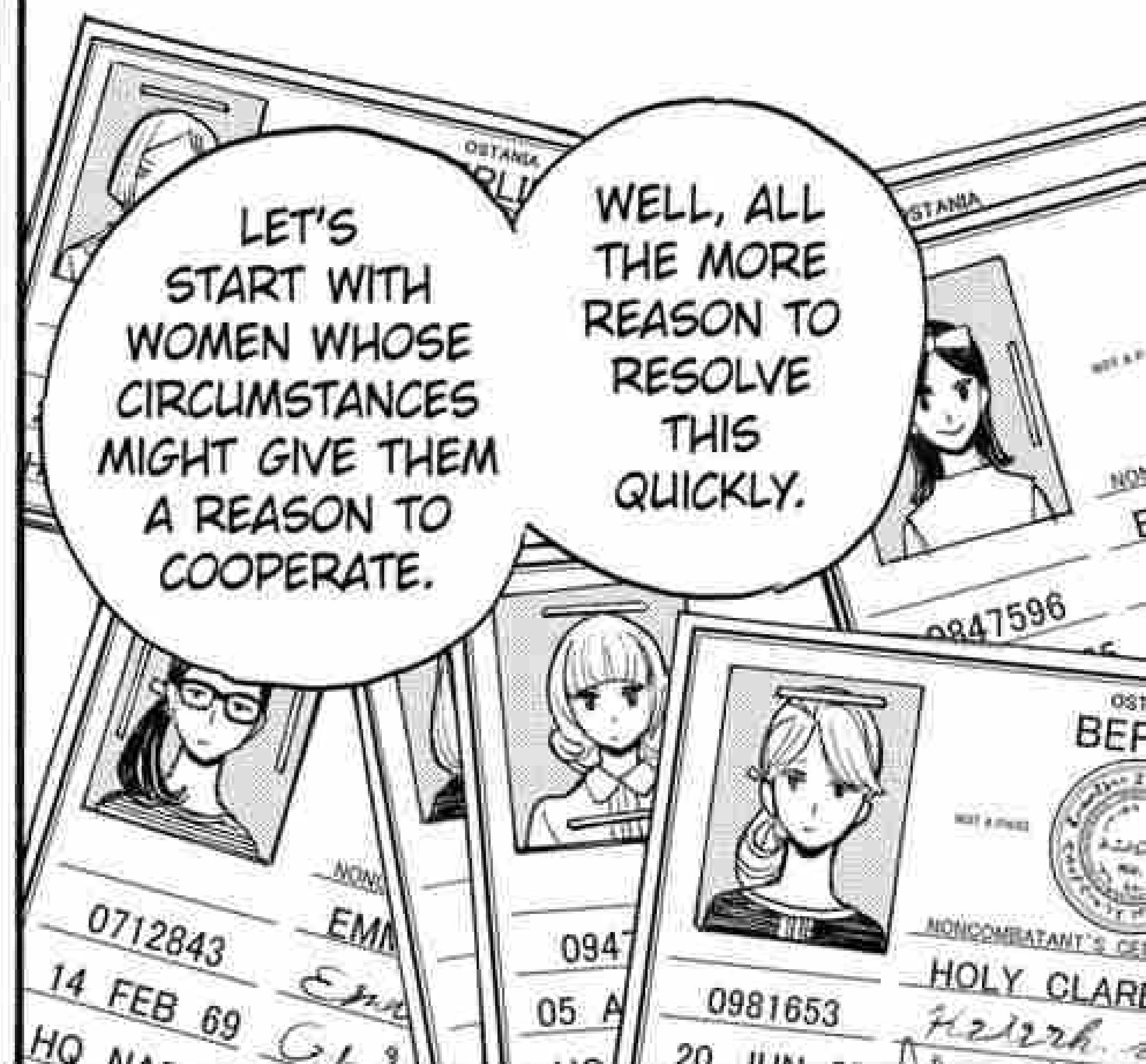




I'D PREFER TO AVOID ANY COMPLICATIONS.

AND IF NOT, WE CAN ALWAYS FABRICATE SOME.

IF WE CAN FIND DIRT ON THEM, WE CAN USE IT FOR LEVERAGE.

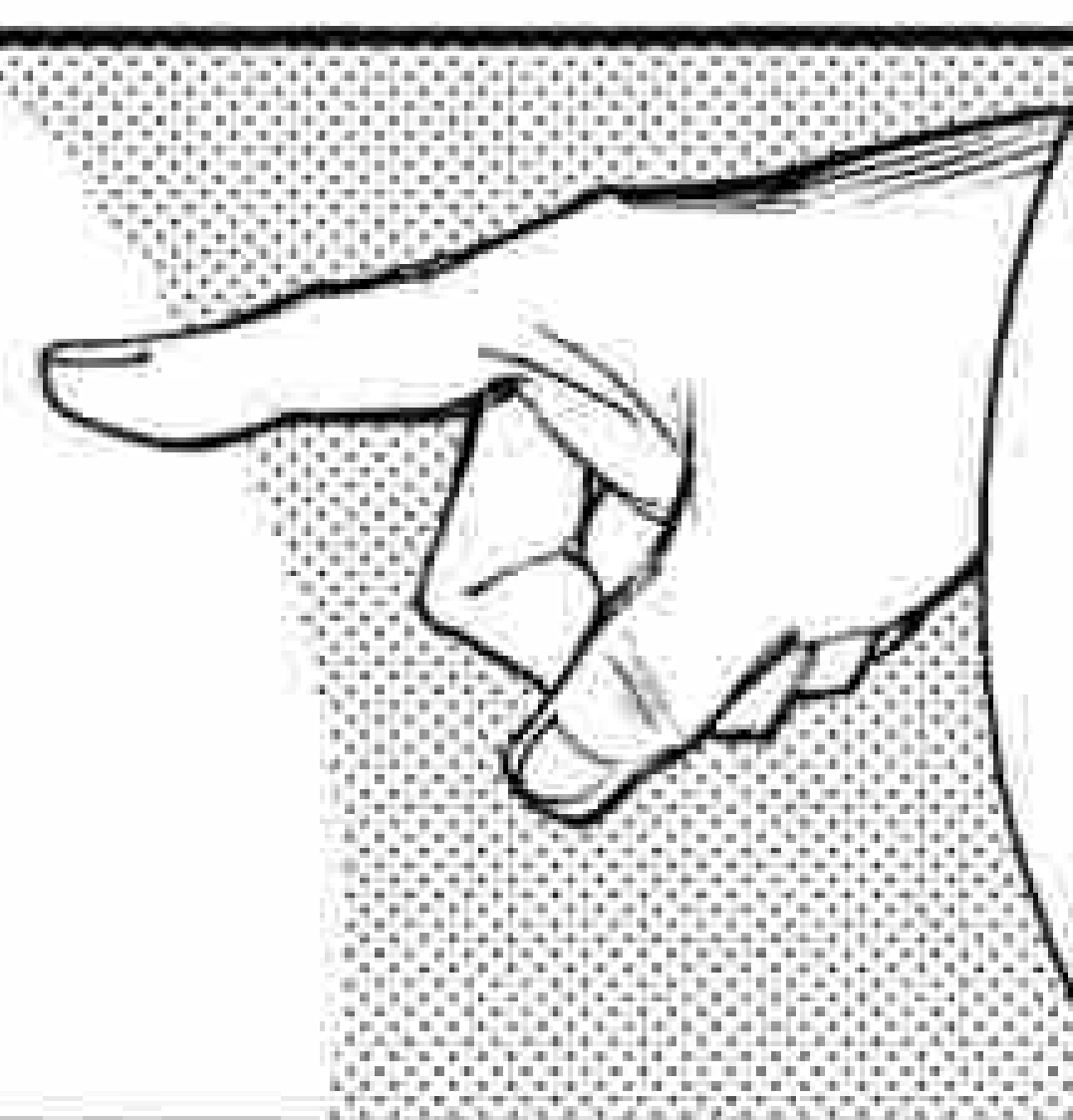
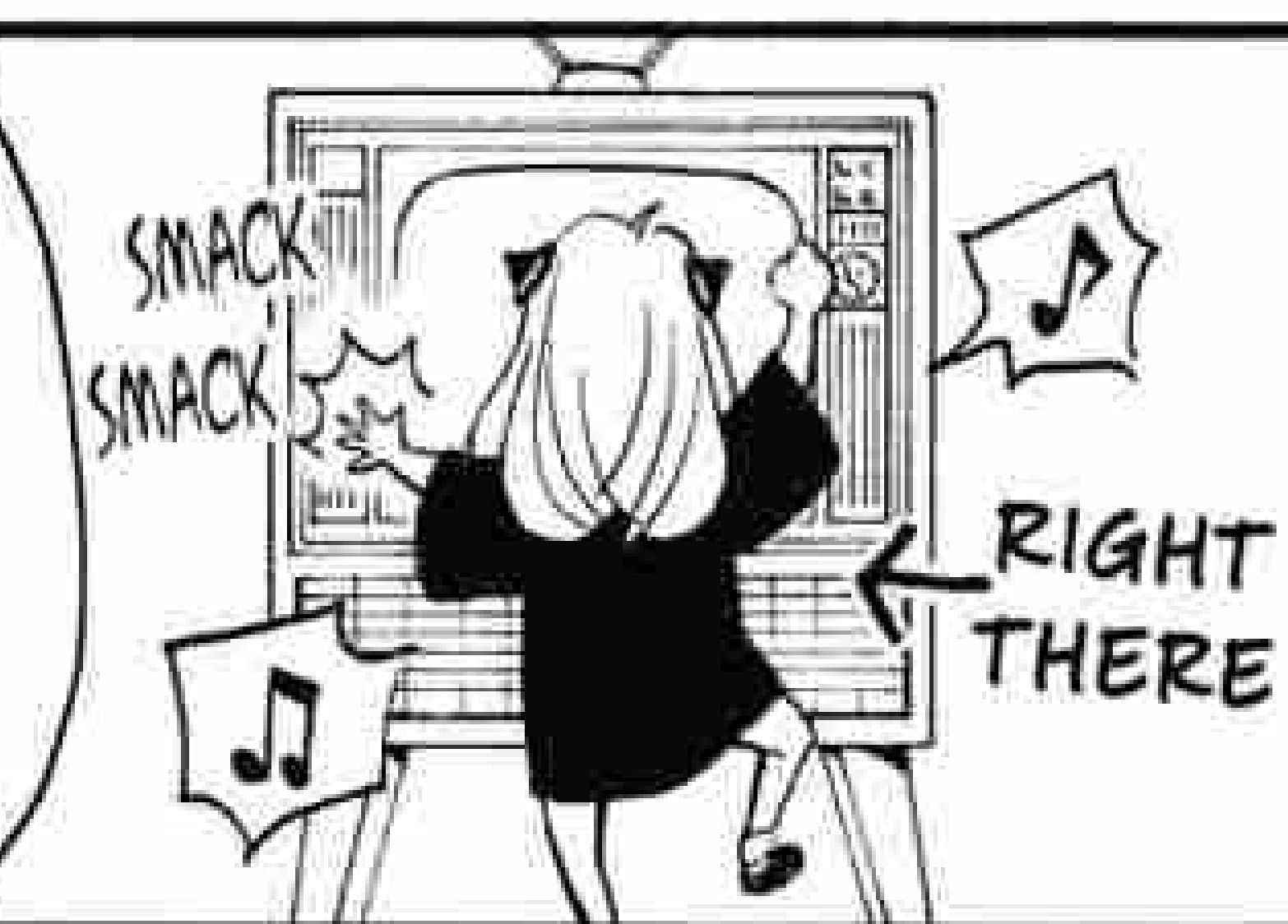


LET'S START WITH WOMEN WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT GIVE THEM A REASON TO COOPERATE.

WELL, ALL THE MORE REASON TO RESOLVE THIS QUICKLY.



NO WAY DOES THAT LOOK LIKE THE SCION OF A PRIVILEGED FAMILY.

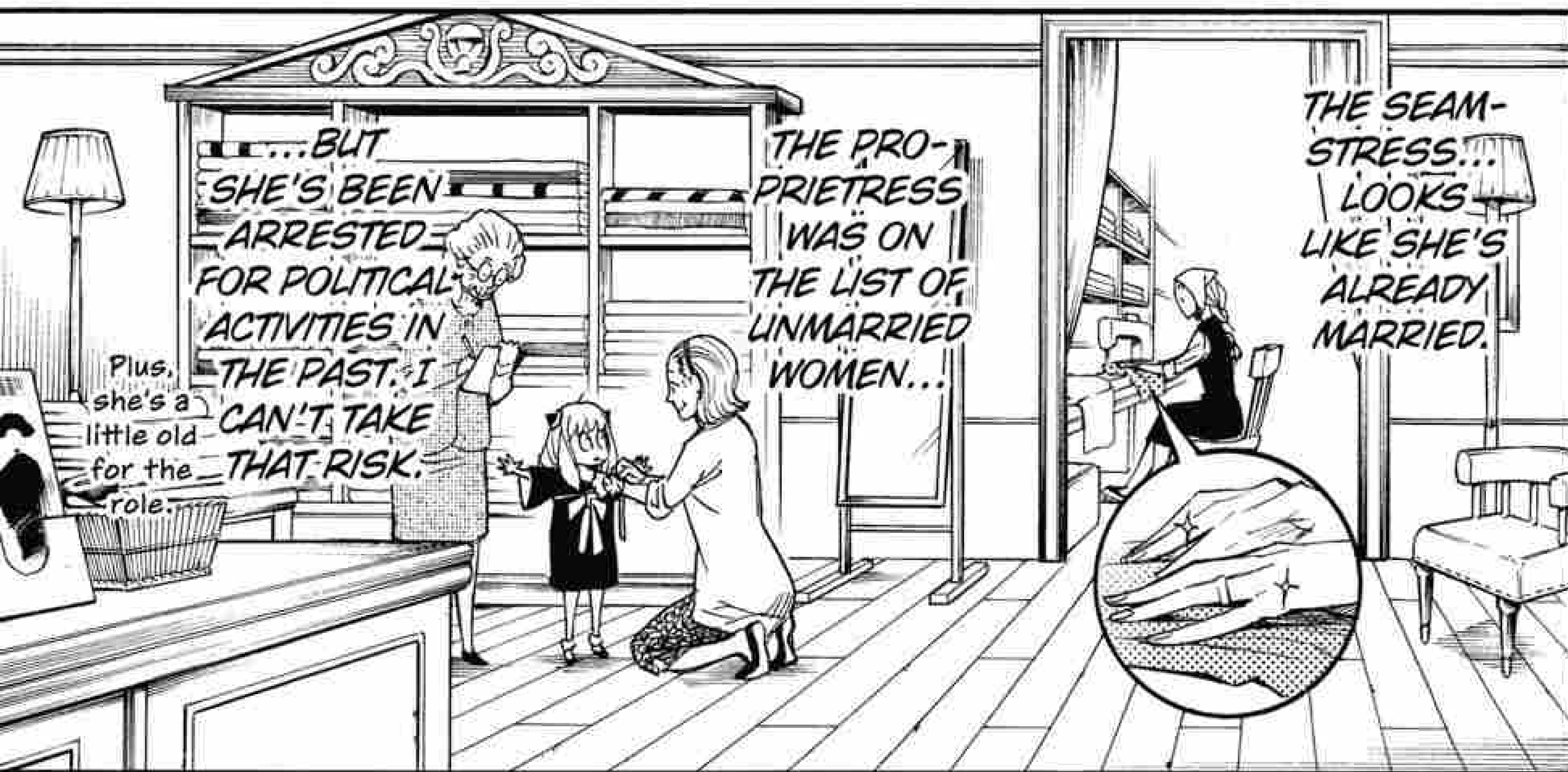
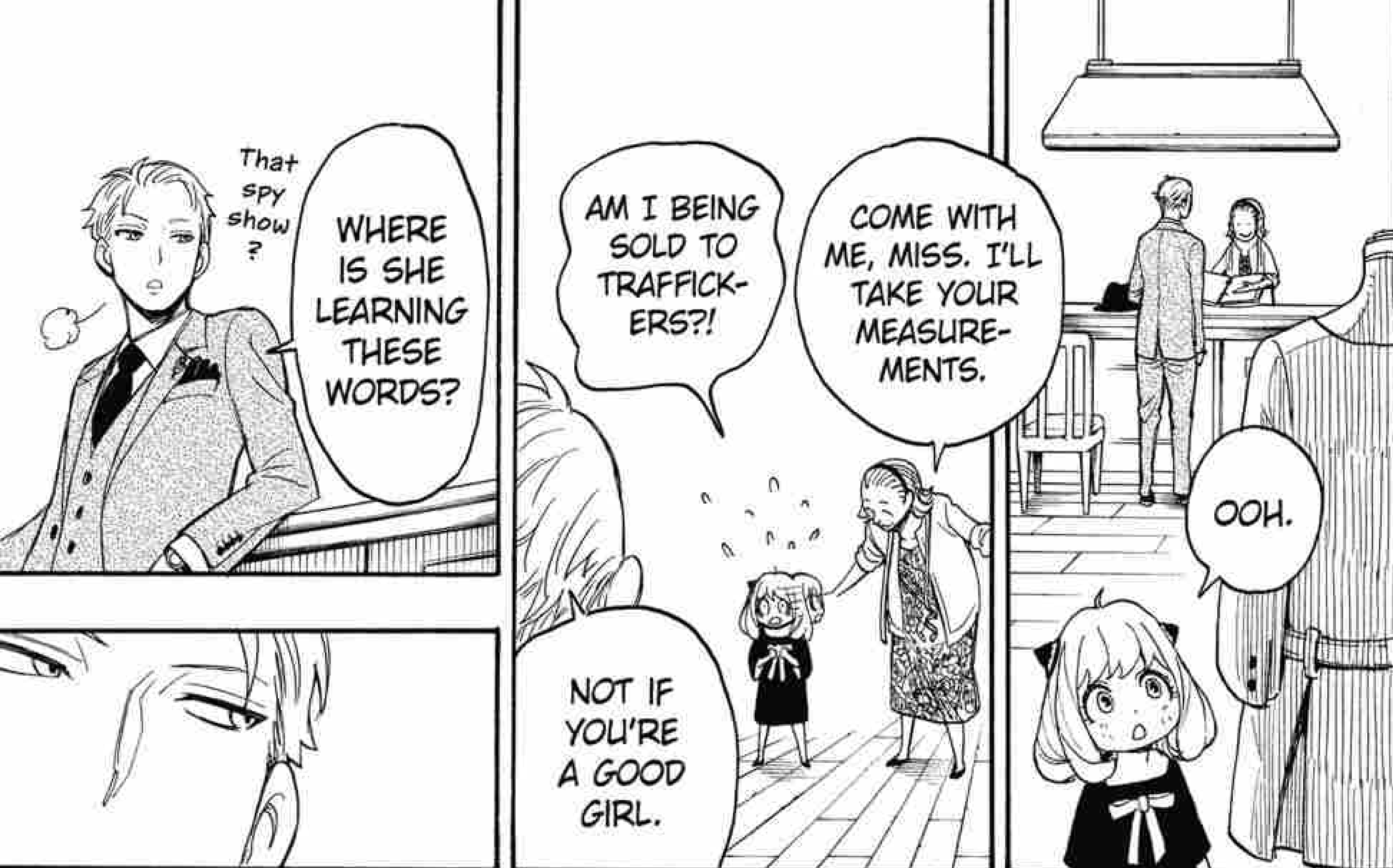


REALLY? HARD TO IMAGINE A BIGGER COMPLICATION THAN THAT ONE RIGHT THERE.



I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT HER APPEARANCE, AT LEAST.

HMM. YOU'RE RIGHT.





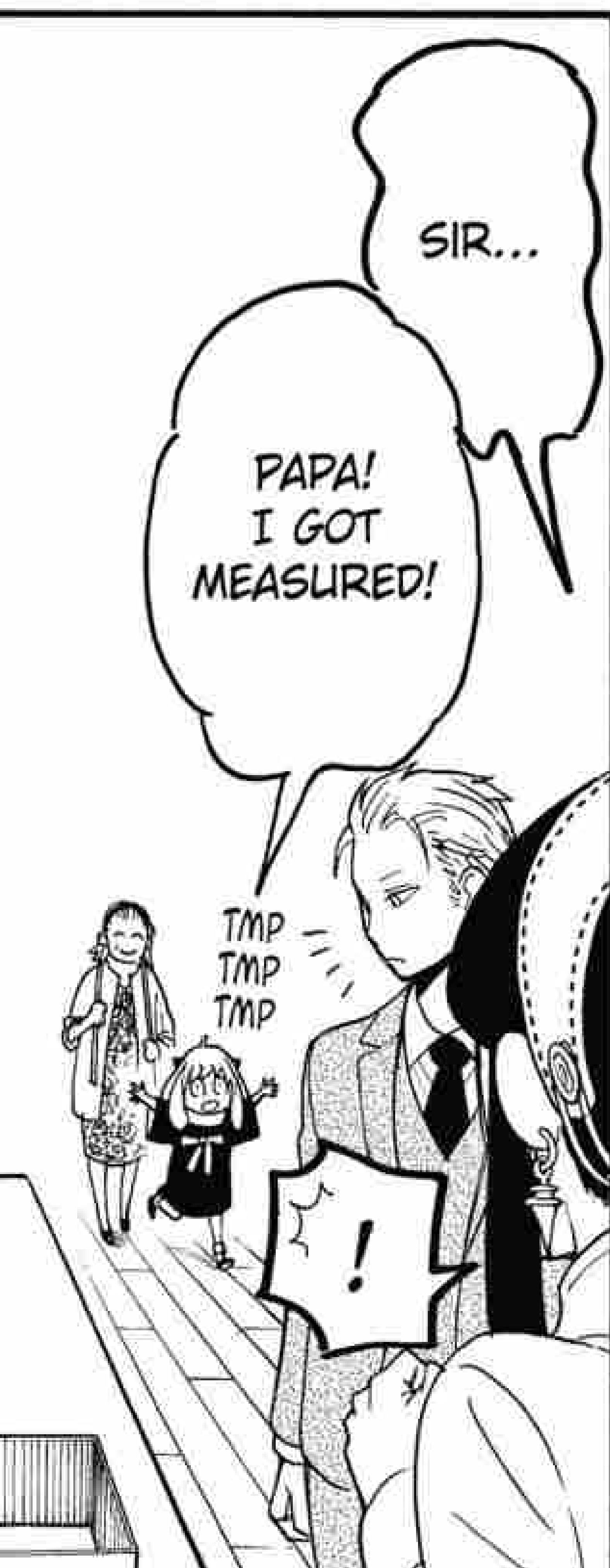


YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT ME SINCE I WALKED IN HERE.

CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING?

SIR...

JUST SLOPPINESS ON MY PART, THEN?
I REALLY HAVE BEEN LOSING MY EDGE LATELY...



SIR...

PAPA! I GOT MEASURED!

TMP
TMP
TMP

You're so pretty. I know she could turn some heads.

(If she put a little effort into her appearance.)



UH, NO...

I JUST THOUGHT... YOU WERE VERY PRETTY.
Sorry.

WHAT?! SHE COULD EVEN SENSE MY GAZE?! HOW?!



UM, WELL... YES.

FWP

SO...YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE A POSITIVE IMPRESSION OF MY APPEARANCE?



ALTHOUGH
IN MY
CASE, I'D
CERTAINLY
KILL HER
FIRST...
HMM.

FRANK



I
NEARLY
ASKED
ANOTHER
WOMAN'S
HUSBAND
OUT ON A
DATE!

I'VE HEARD
OF CASES
WHERE WOMEN
HAVE BEEN
MURDERED
BY THE WIVES
FOR THAT.



ANOTHER
CUSTOM-
ER.

WHO'S
THAT?

HE
HAS A
KID!



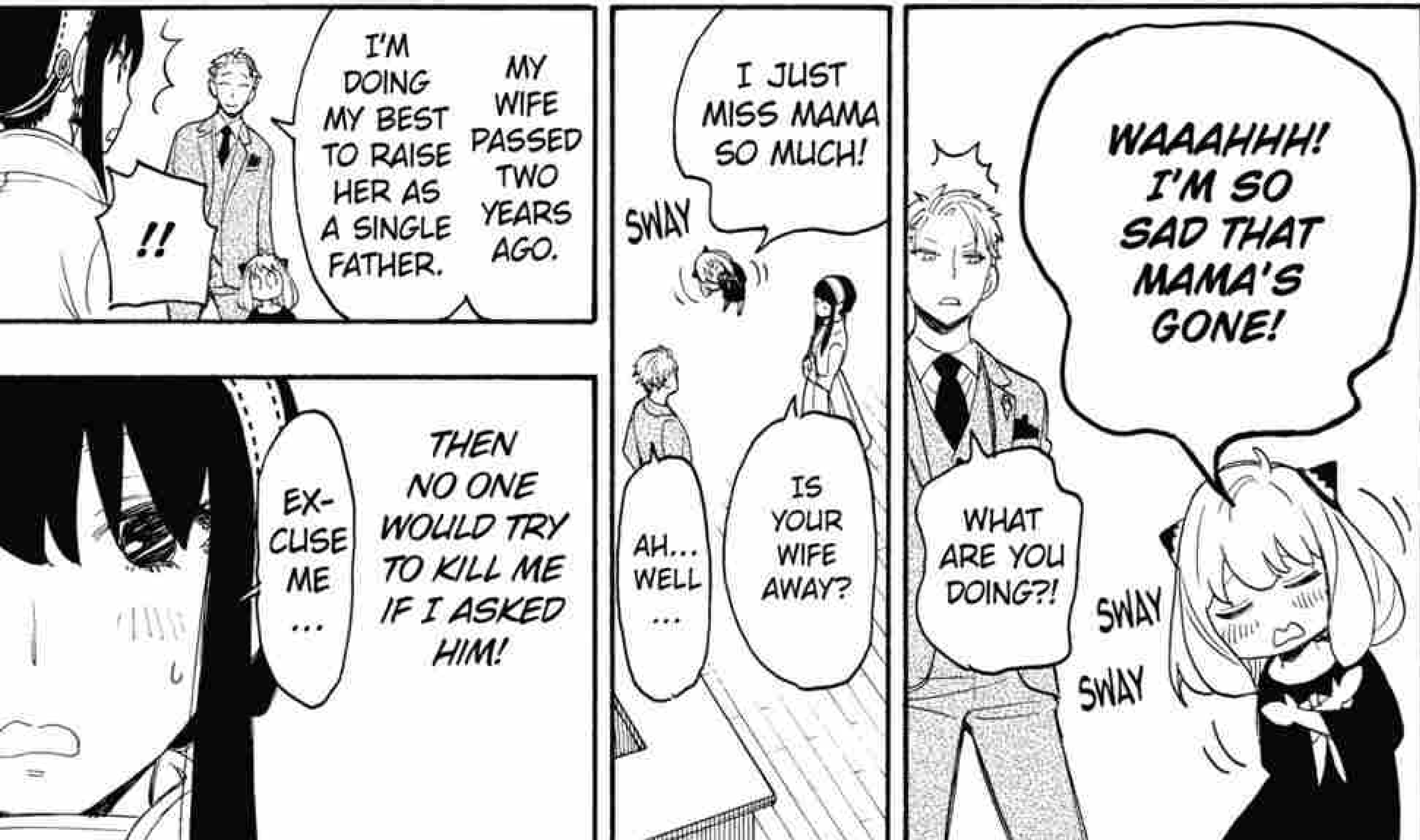
Act
more
normal!

NO, I
MUSTN'T EVEN
ENTERTAIN THE
IDEA! THAT'S
JUST THE SORT OF
THING THAT COULD
EXPOSE ME AS AN
ASSASSIN.



ASSAS-
SIN?!

A-
A-
A-







I WANT
TO ASK YOU
TO ATTEND
A FAMILY
INTERVIEW,
POSING
AS ANYA'S
MOTHER.

LONG
STORY
SHORT...



WHAT A
WONDER-
FUL
PERSON!

IF YOU
REALLY
THINK I CAN
PULL IT OFF,
THEN I'D BE
HAPPY TO
HELP.



MAY I ASK
YOU TO HELP
ME DO THAT,
JUST THIS
ONCE?

I'LL LURE HER
IN WITH AN
INITIAL SMALL
REQUEST
AND PARLAY
THAT INTO AN
AGREEMENT
TO MARRY.



AND NOW
THAT SHE'S
GONE...
WELL, I
WANT TO
HONOR HER
WISHES AS
BEST I
CAN!

IT WAS SO
IMPORTANT TO
MY WIFE THAT,
IN THESE
UNCERTAIN
TIMES, OUR
DAUGHTER
ATTEND A
GOOD
SCHOOL...

PAPA IS
SUCH A
LIAR.

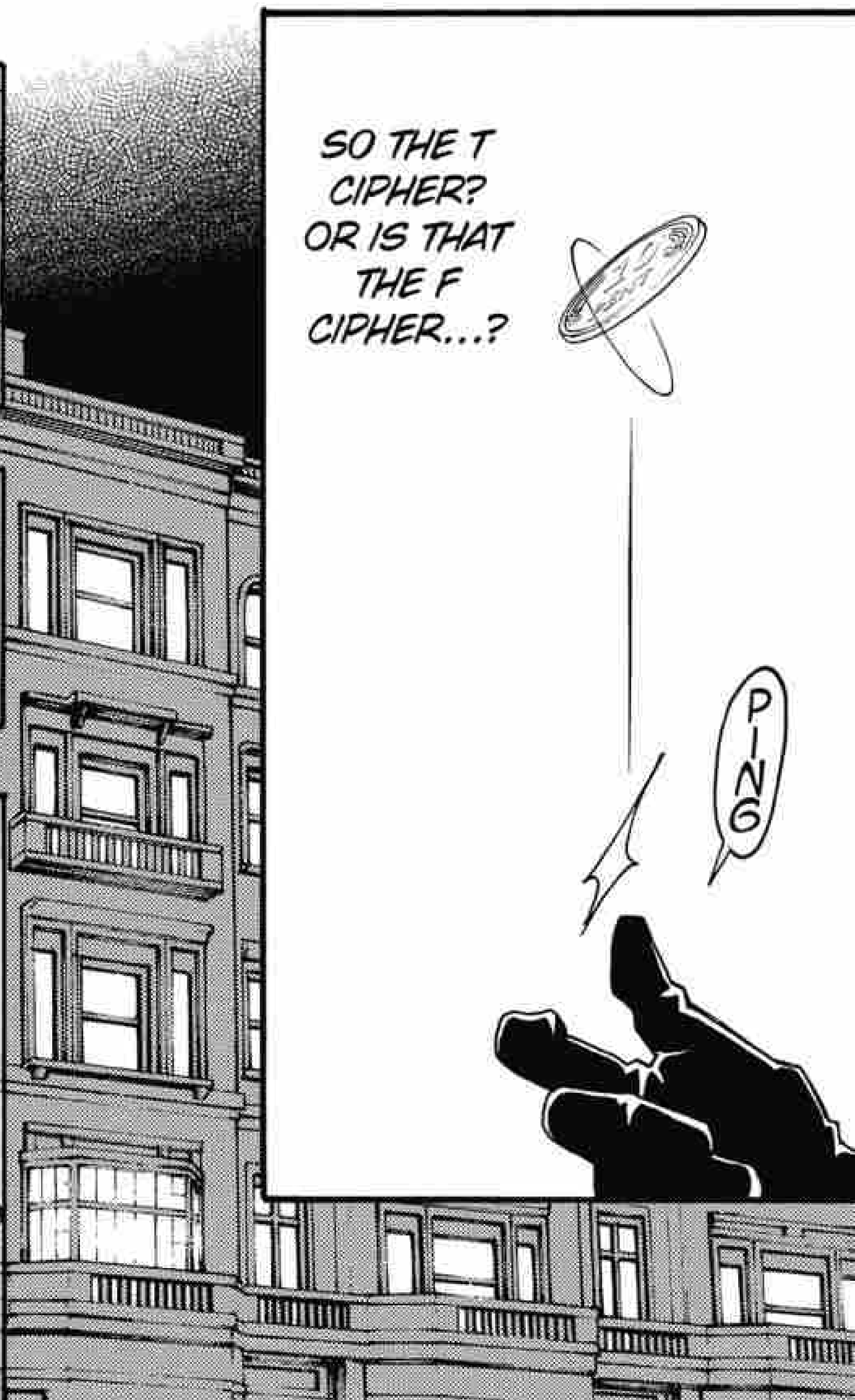
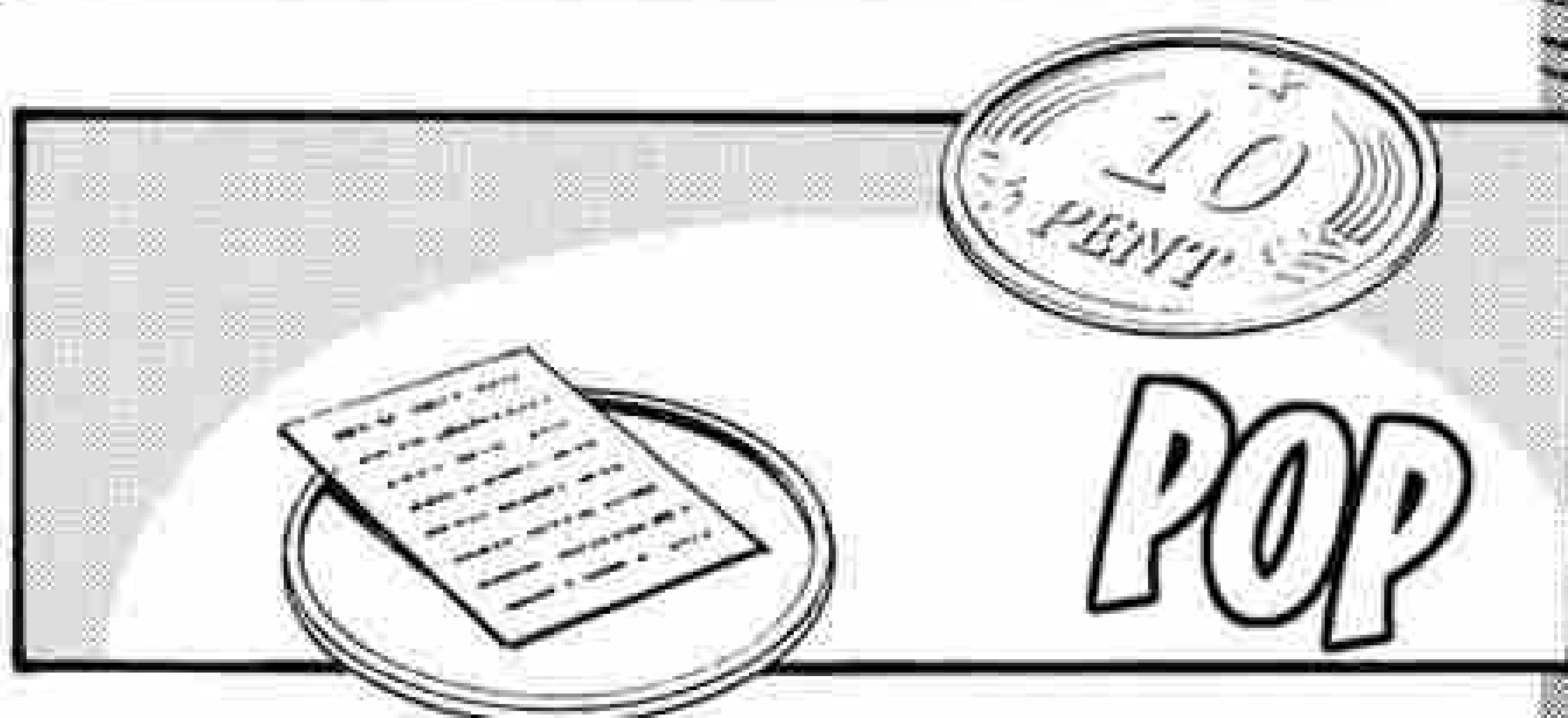
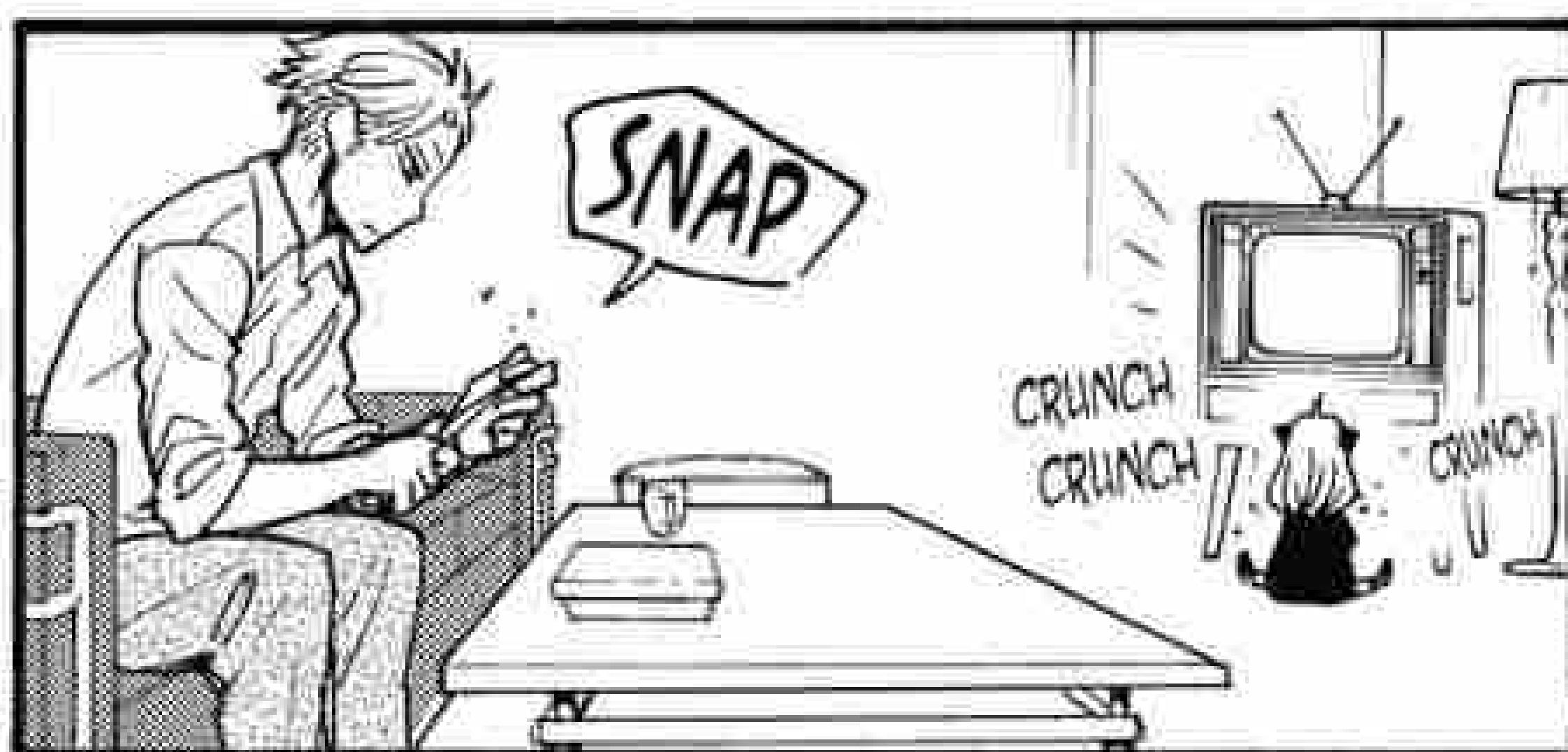
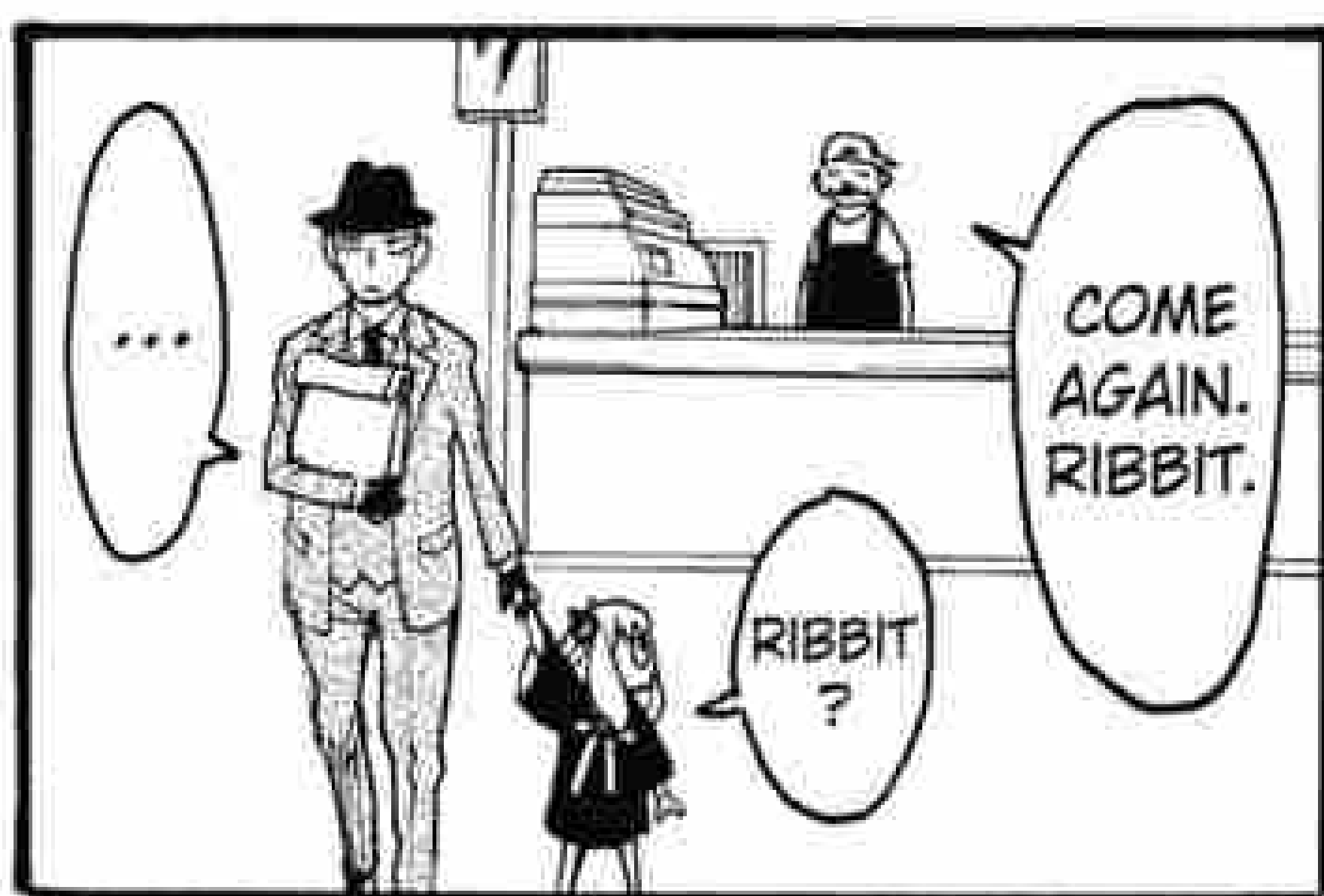


PH

THANK
YOU. THEN
I'LL SEE
YOU ON
SATURDAY
FOR THE
PARTY!

EW

GREAT!



THE PLAN
IS TO STRIKE
WHEN THE
SMUGGLERS
MEET THE
BUYER,
SATURDAY
AT 6 P.M.

64656 90659 32076
22482 95822 95822
51431 58919 34639
23486 98624 25721
18951 58921 82852
84272 92234 54520
02855 52402 58221
75280 91823 87592
85805 57249 75927
27282 02264 62861

I'M TO
RECOVER
VALLUABLE
ANTIQUITIES
STOLEN FROM
THE WEST
AND DESTROY
THE SMUG-
GLING RING
RESPONSIBLE.

WAIT,
SATUR-
DAY?!

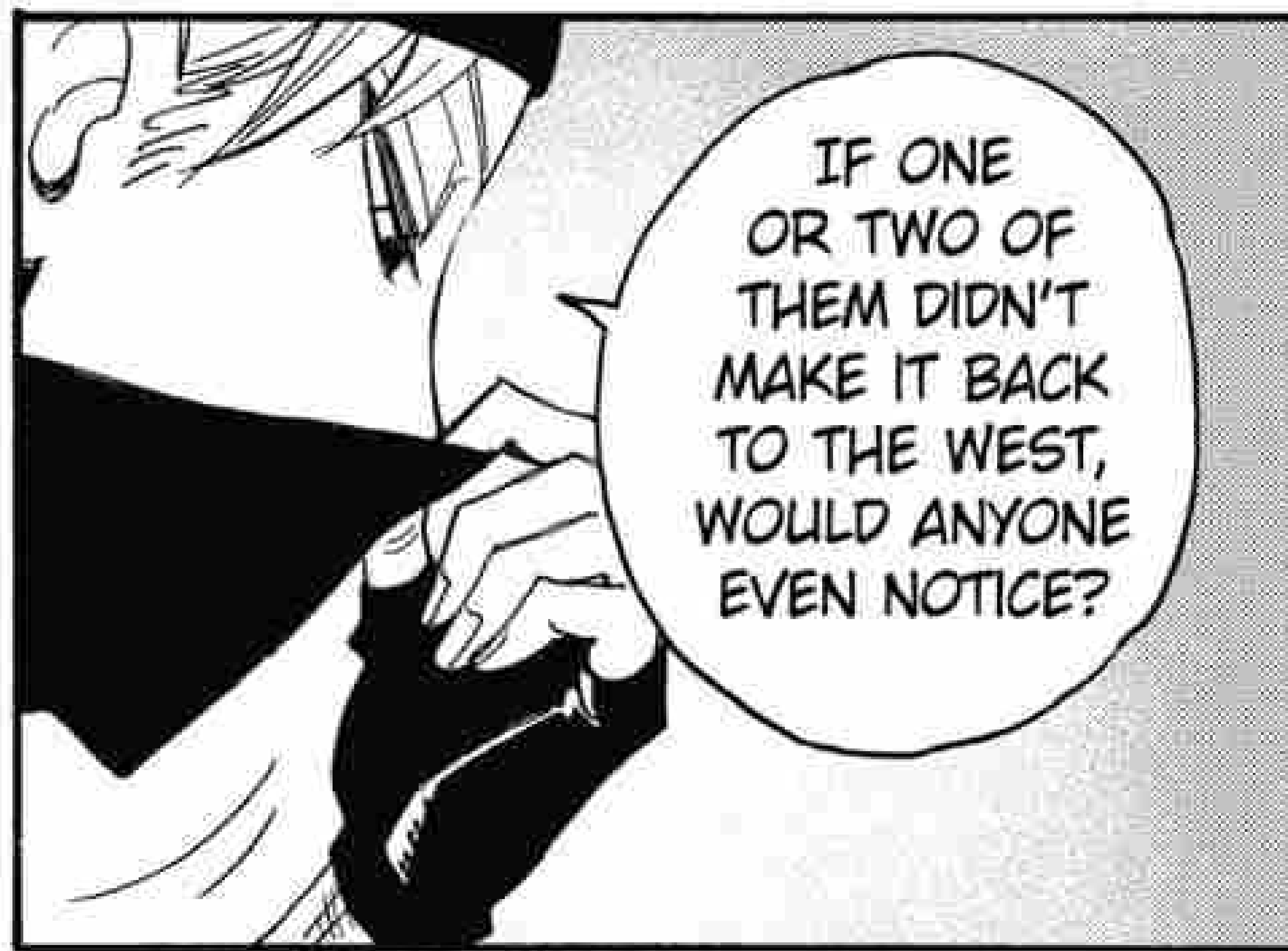
SO
THAT'S
THE
DEAL.

I JUST
DEAL IN
INFORMATION!
I COULDN'T
FIGHT MY WAY
OUT OF A
PAPER BAG!

WHOA,
WHOA!

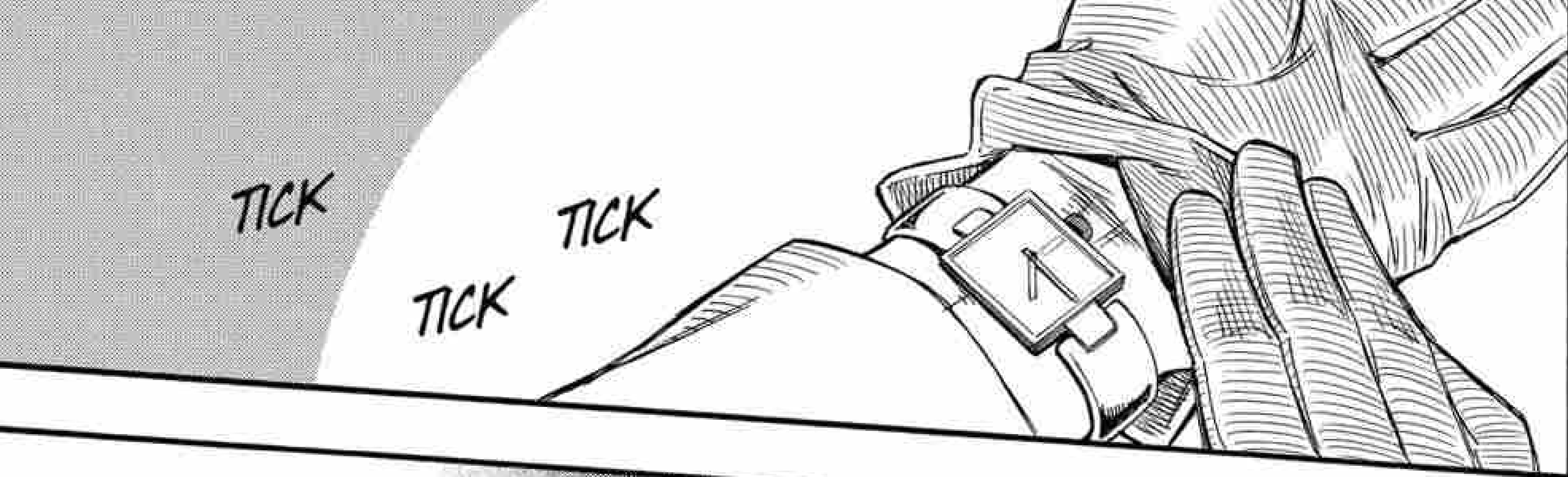
I NEED TO
MOP THEM UP
QUICKLY SO I
CAN MAKE IT
TO THE PARTY
IN TIME.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO
HELP.









TICK

TICK

TICK



I
SUPPOSE
I'LL HAVE
TO GO BY
MYSELF.

DITCHING
CAMILLA'S
PARTY IS
NOT AN
OPTION.

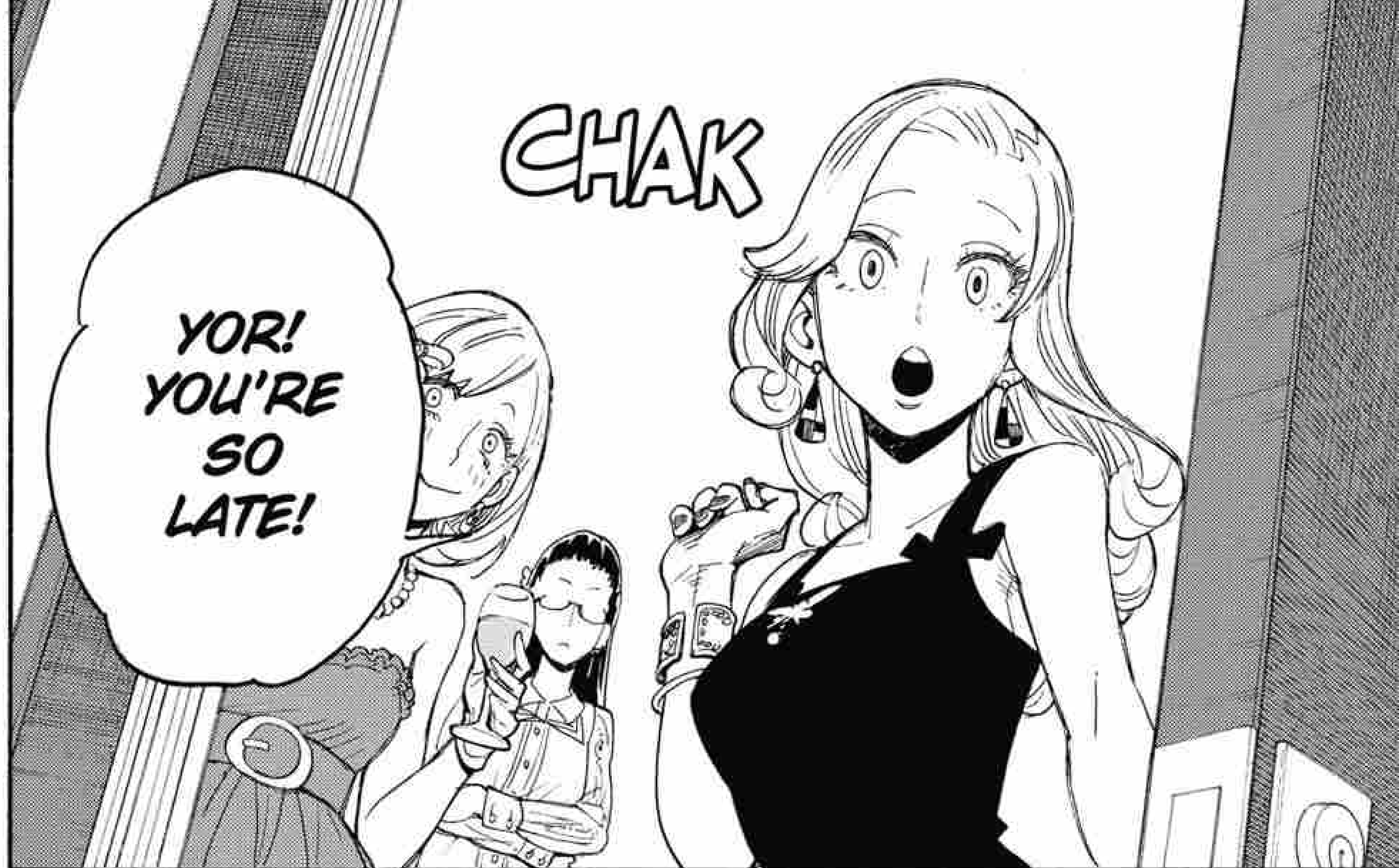
I STILL HAVE
TO MAINTAIN
GOOD RELA-
TIONSHPIS
WITH MY CO-
WORKERS...
FOR MY
BROTHER'S
SAKE AS WELL
AS MY OWN.

CLENCH



SO
THIS IS
HOW IT
FEELS
...

...TO
HAVE
YOUR
FEELINGS
TOYED
WITH.



YOR!
YOU'RE
SO
LATE!



AND YOU'RE
ALL ALONE! I
THOUGHT YOU'D
BE BRINGING A
BOYFRIEND...?



I brought
you this.

I'M
SORRY.



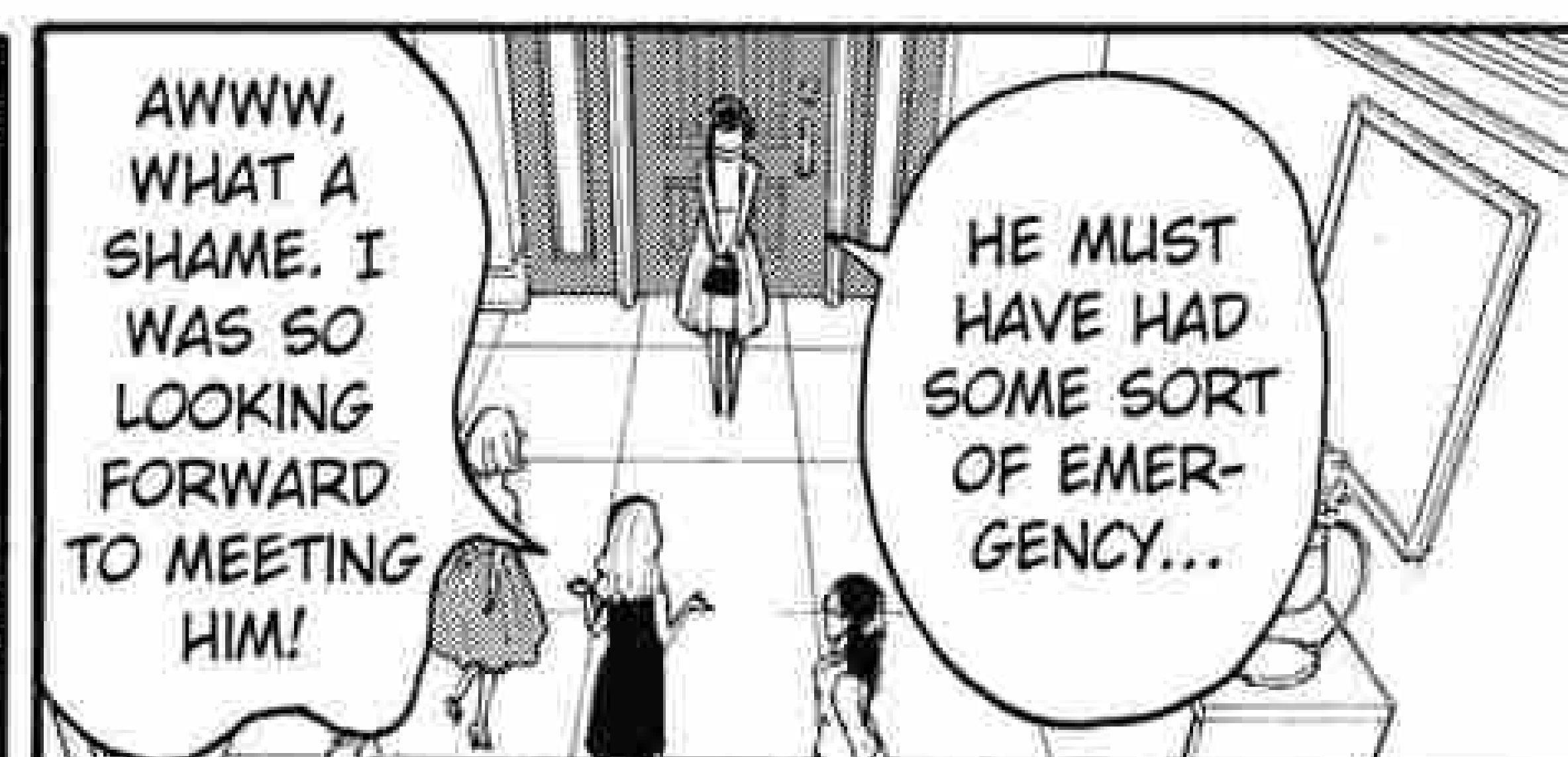
ABSOLUTELY!
FOR ALL WE
KNOW, SHE'S
A SPY SENT
HERE TO LOWER
THE COUNTRY'S
BIRTH RATE!

SHOULD
WE
REPORT
HER FOR
LYING?

SLUMP

SHE'S
PROBABLY
JUST A
WEIRDO.
LEAVE HER
ALONE.

THAT
DOESN'T
EVEN
MAKE
SENSE.



AWWW,
WHAT A
SHAME. I
WAS SO
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO MEETING
HIM!

HE MUST
HAVE HAD
SOME SORT
OF EMER-
GENCY...



I KNEW
THE TALK OF
HER HAVING
A BOYFRIEND
HAD TO BE
A LIE.

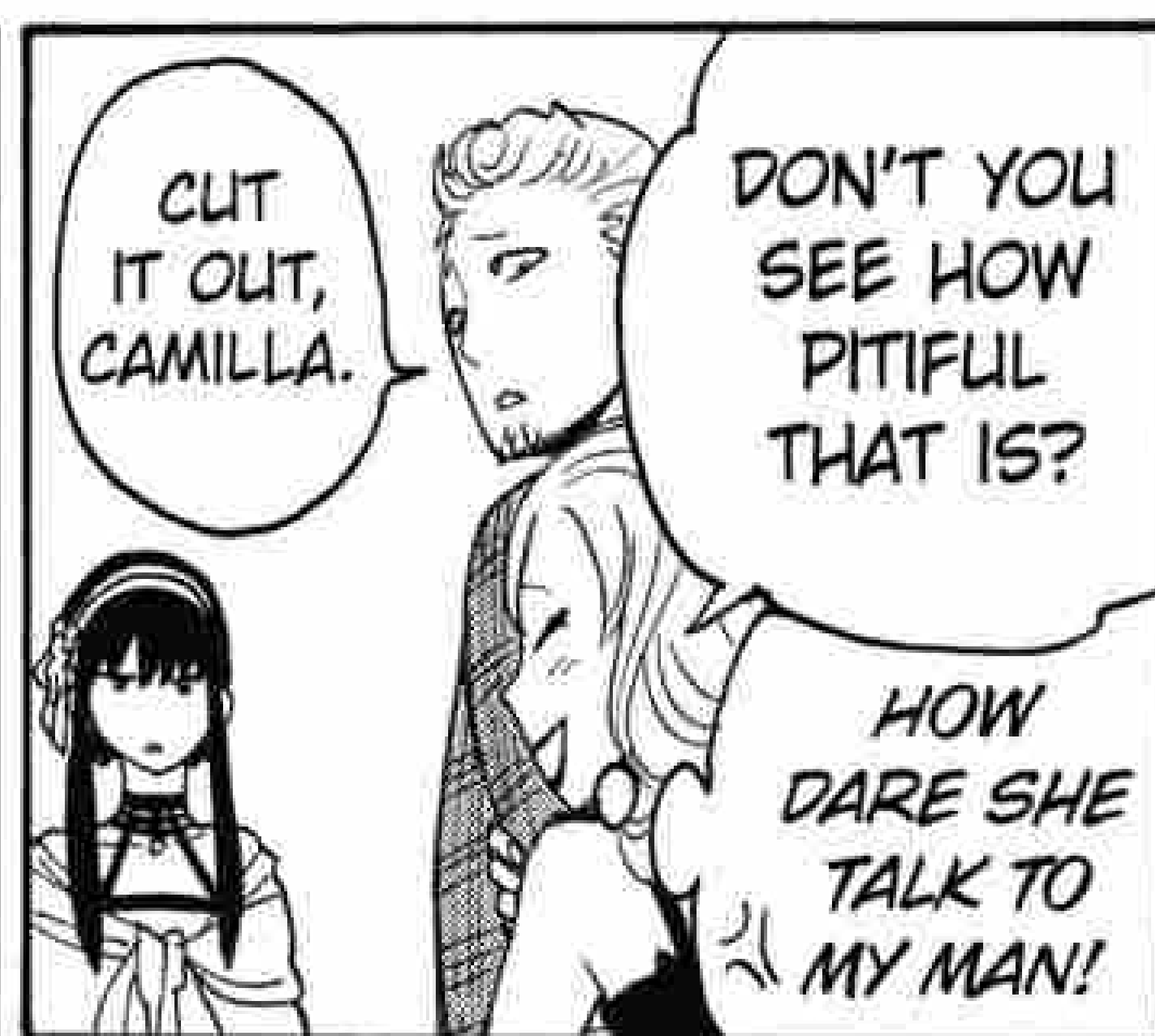
WHAT
KIND OF
EXCUSE
IS THAT?

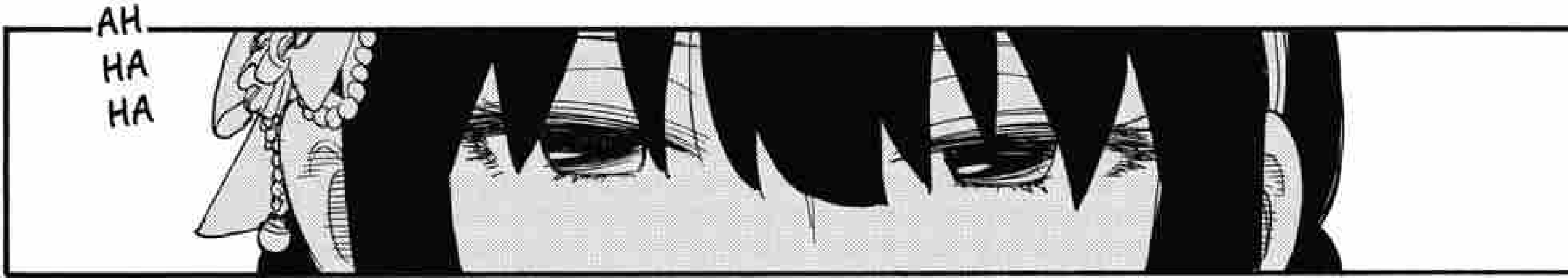
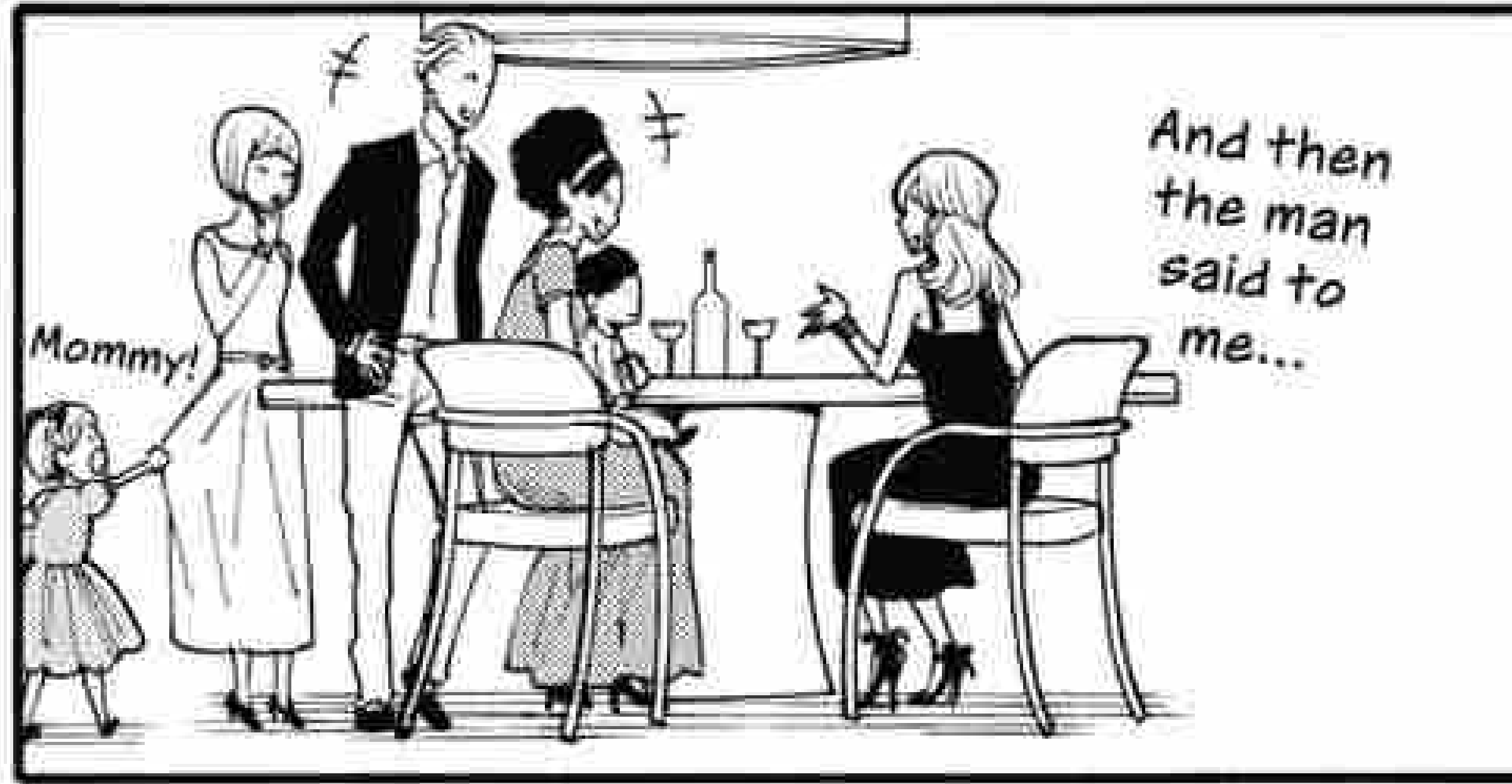
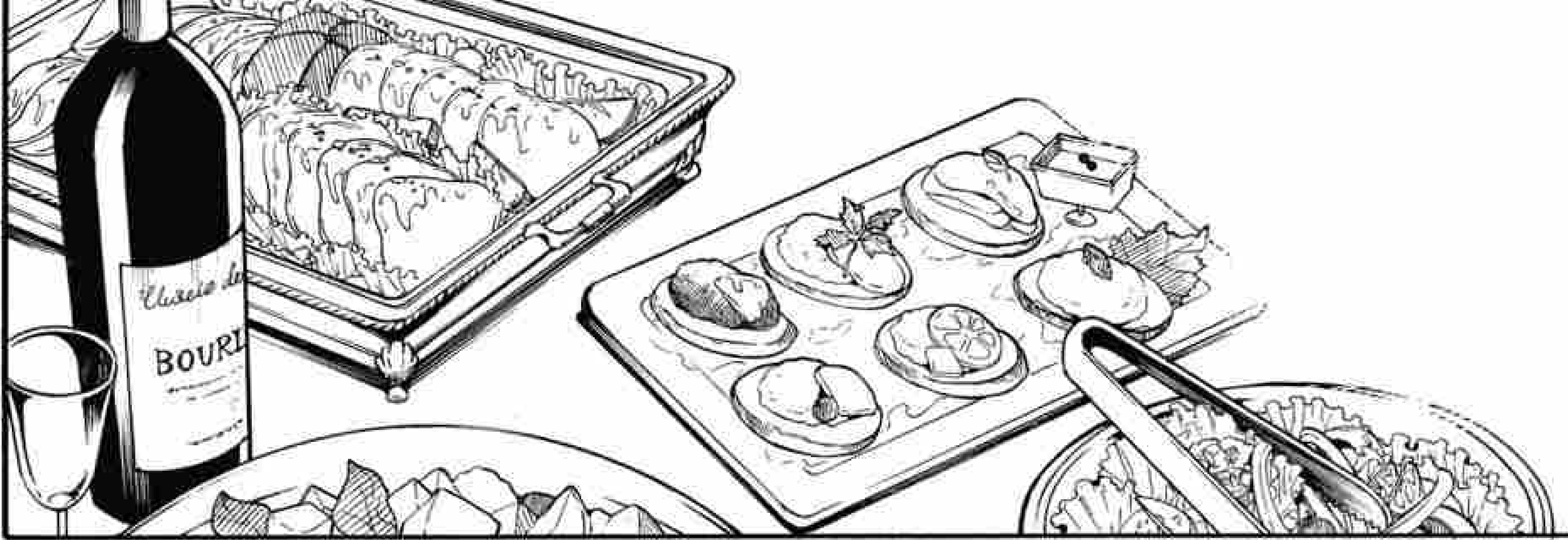
THIS
IS TOO
MUCH!
HEE!

WSP

WSP

WSP

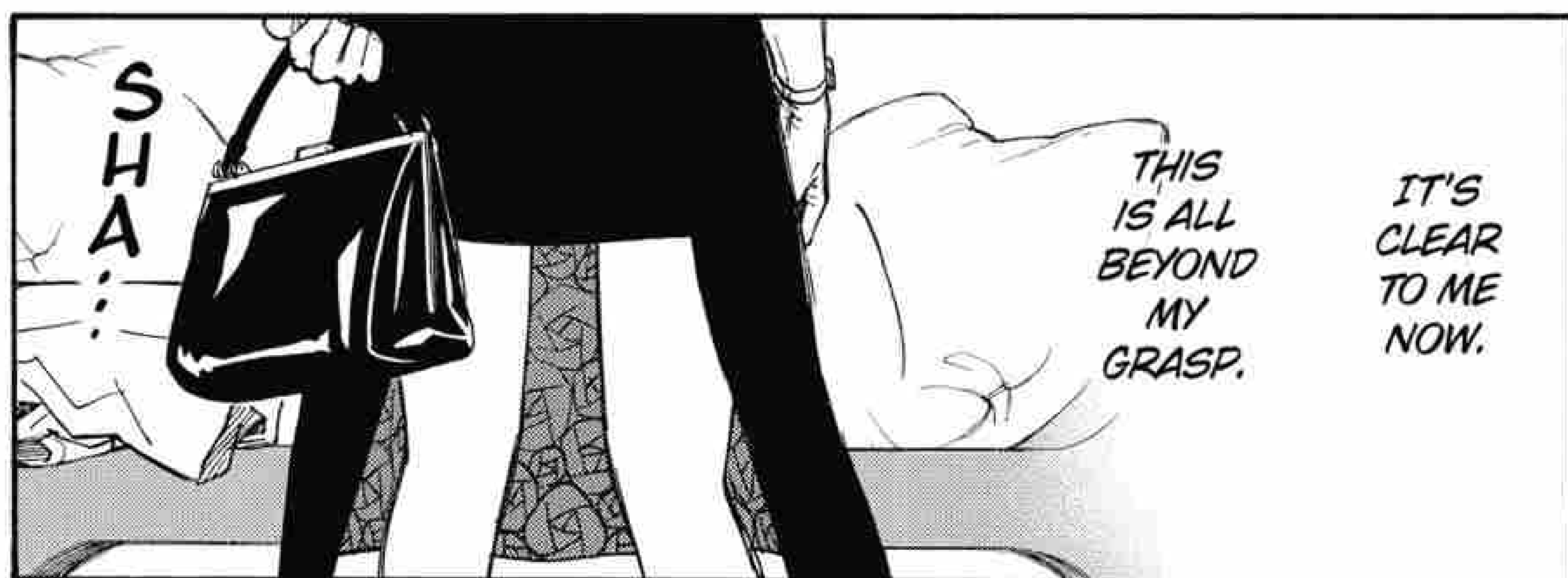




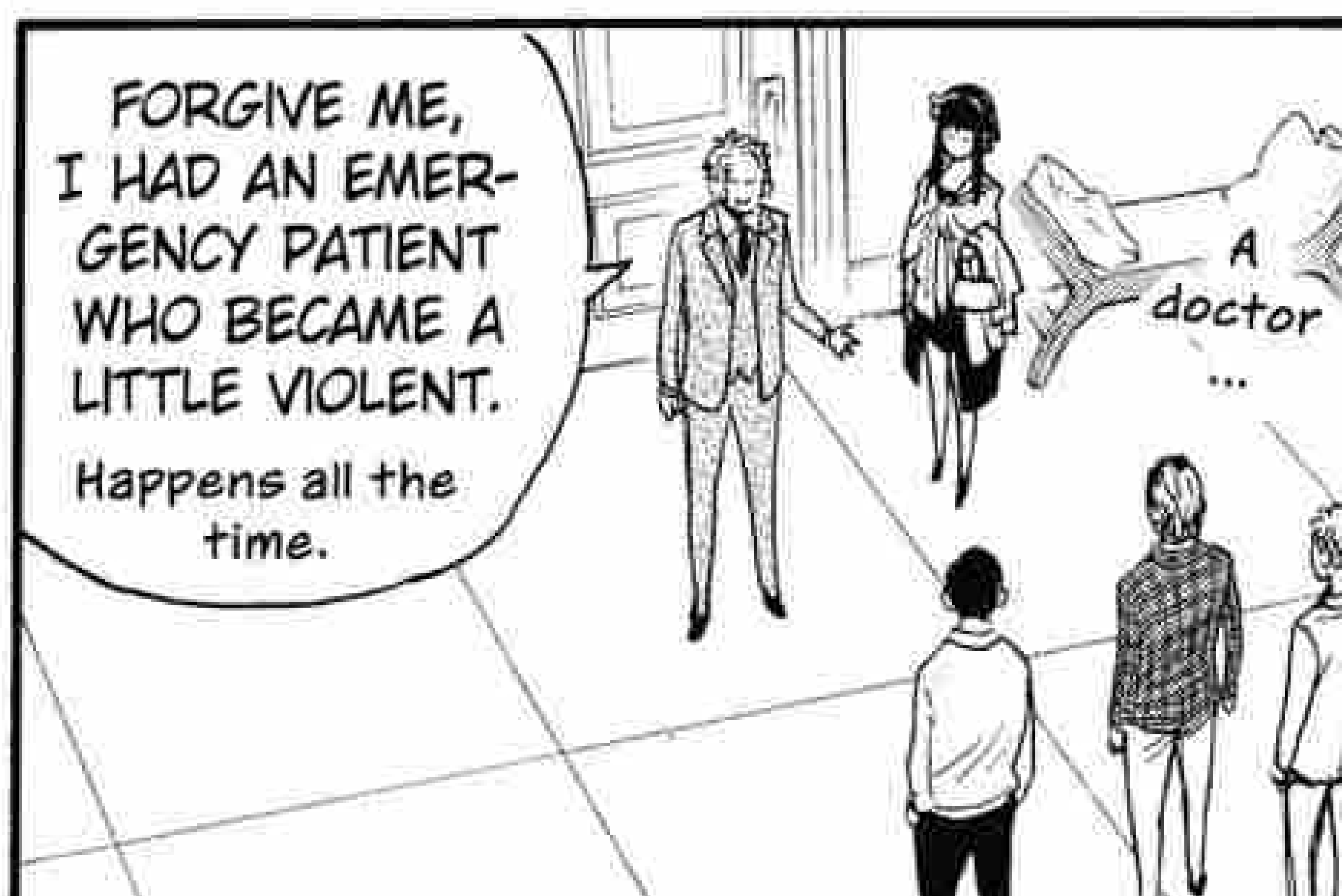
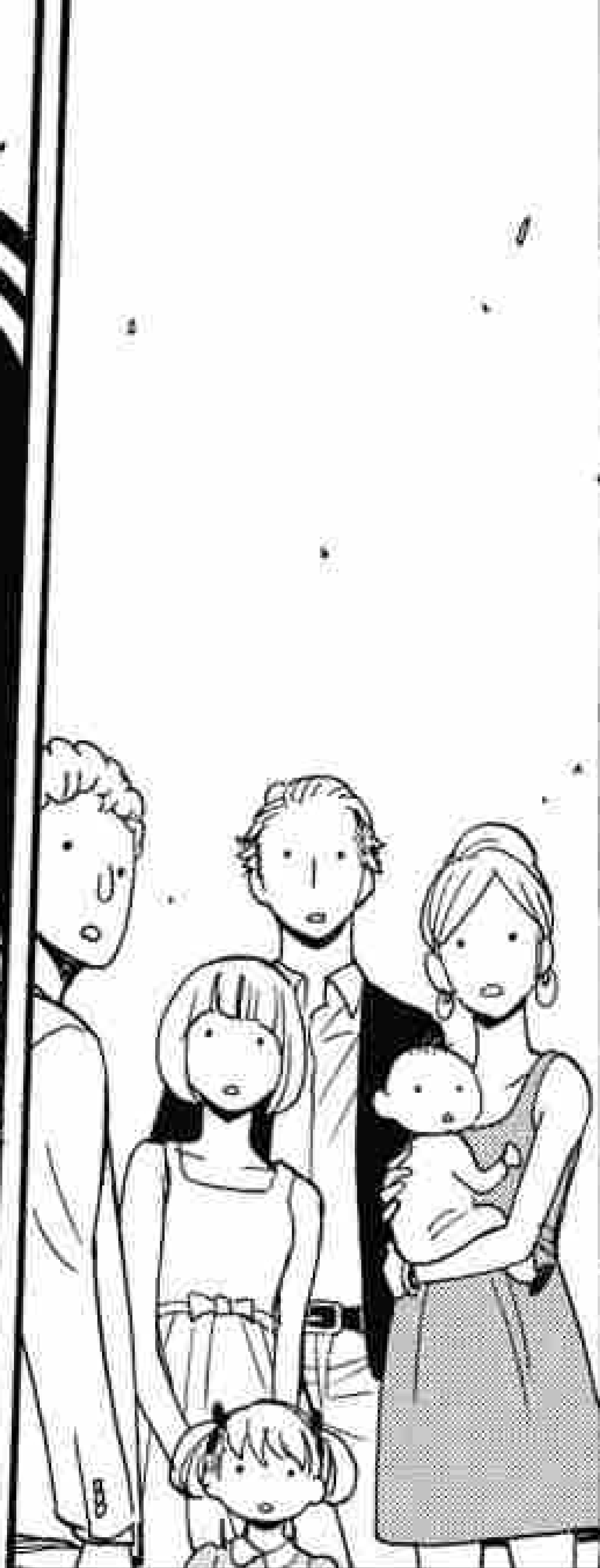
...WHAT
"ORDINARY"
LOOKS
LIKE.

SO
THIS
MUST
BE...



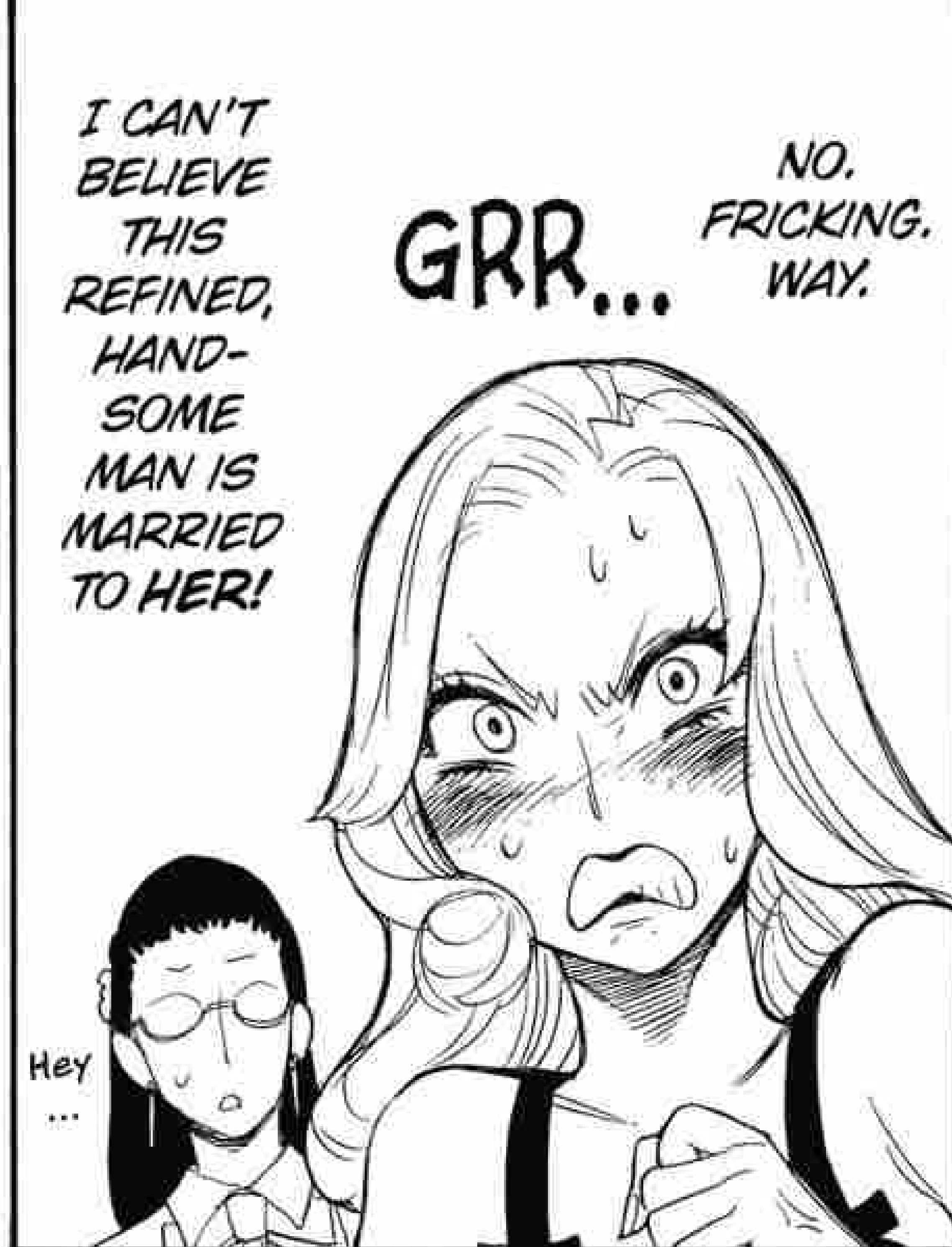








SHE
NEEDS TO
BE TAKEN
DOWN A
NOTCH!



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS
REFINED,
HAND-
SOME
MAN IS
MARRIED
TO HER!

GRR...

NO.
FRICKING.
WAY.



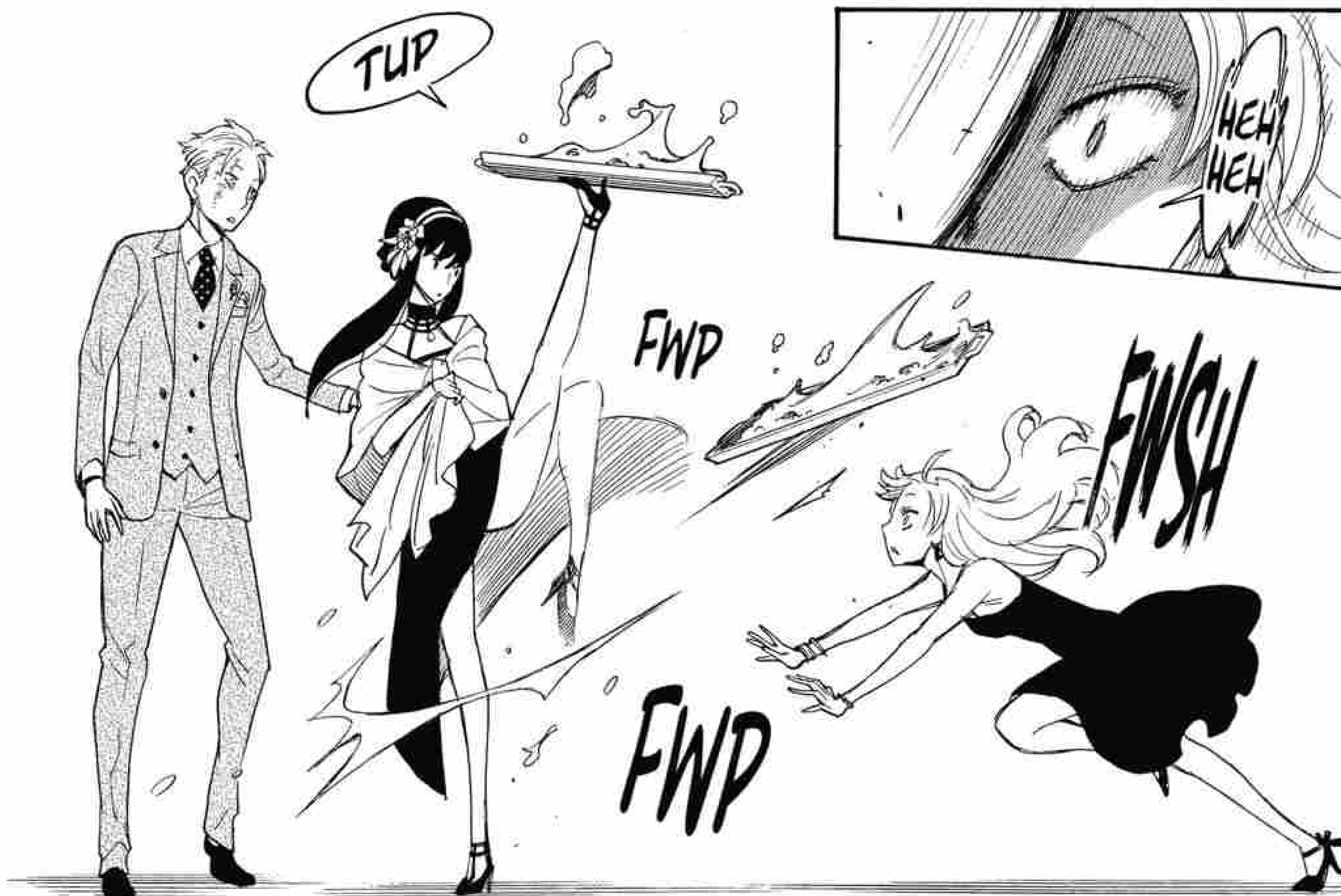
IT'S
EMBARRASSING,
BUT THIS IS MY
SECOND MARRIAGE,
AND I HAVE A
CHILD FROM THE
FIRST. I'M SURE
THAT'S A LITTLE
UNCOMFORTABLE
FOR HER.



FWOOP

OOPS!

YOR,
HAVE SOME
PIPING HOT
MACARONI AU
GRATIN, FRESH
FROM THE
OVEN!



TUP

FWD

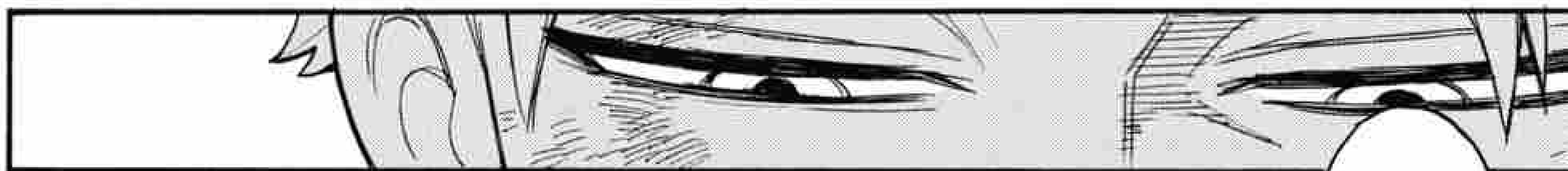
FWD



HEH
HEH

FWSH







*I
TRULY
ADMIRE
THAT.*



GAH!

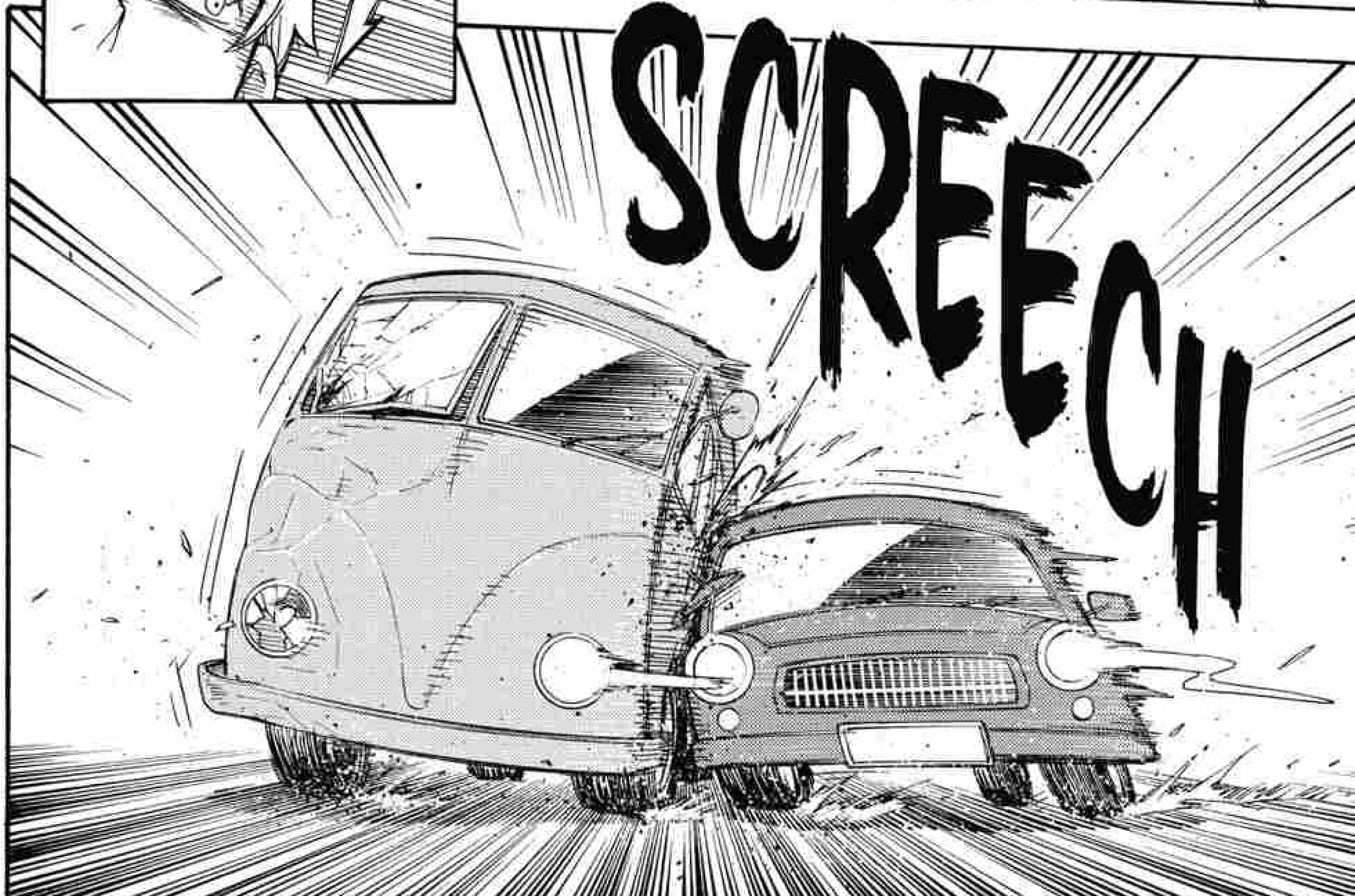


VROOM



I BELIEVE
IT'S TIME TO
GO, YOR.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
HOSPITALITY.
IT'S BEEN A
PLEASURE.



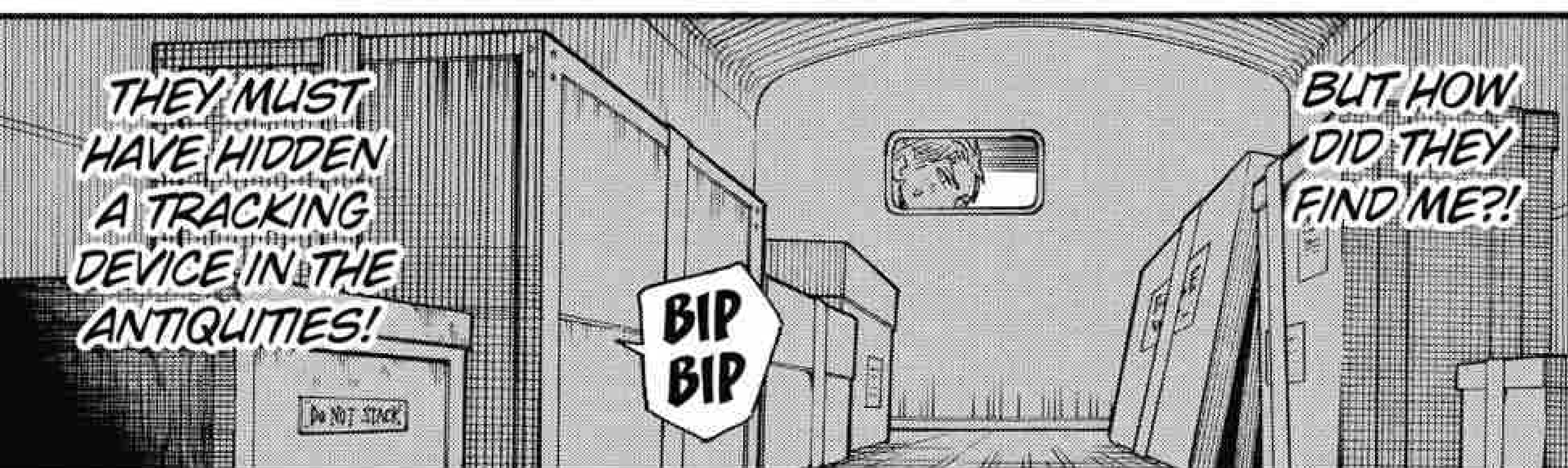


THE
REMNANTS
OF THE
SMUGGLING
RING?!

TWAM

WHAT
THE-?!

!!



THEY MUST
HAVE HIDDEN
A TRACKING
DEVICE IN THE
ANTIQUITIES!

BIP
BIP

BUT HOW
DID THEY
FIND ME?!



THANK GOD
SHE'S A
SIMPLETON
!!

I HAD NO
IDEA PSY-
CHIATRY
WAS SUCH
A DANGER-
OUS JOB.

LET'S
JUST GET
AWAY
FROM
THEM FOR
NOW!

VROOM



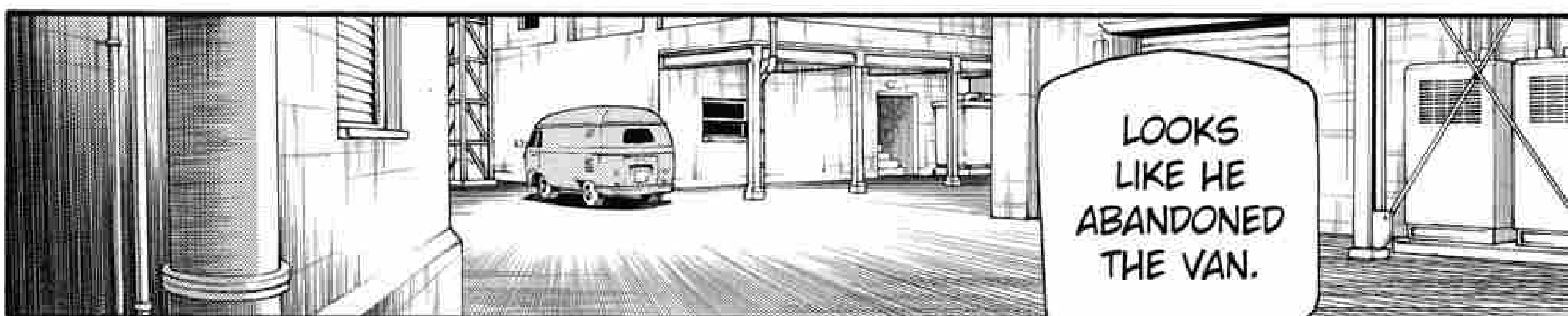
UH, UM,
WELL...

IT, UH,
APPEARS THAT
SOME OF MY
PATIENTS
ARE STILL
STRUGGLING
WITH
DELLUSIONS!



DAMMIT!
YOU
REALLY
ARE
LOSING
YOUR
EDGE,
TWILIGHT!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?
WHO ARE
THOSE
PEOPLE?!





OH
...?

IT'S CALLED
CONCUSSIVE
THERAPY. IT'S A
NEW TREATMENT
AT THE VERY
CUTTING EDGE OF
PSYCHIATRY.

*THIS IS FICTION.



SNAP

THIS
WAY,
QUICKLY!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
YOR?



AH,
YES,
WELL...

UM... IS
IT OKAY TO
STRIKE YOUR
PATIENTS
LIKE THAT?



BANG

I CAN'T FIGURE
OUT IF THIS IS
THE SHARPEST
WOMAN I'VE
EVER MET OR
THE DUMBEST.



ANOTHER
ONE!



I CAN'T
DODGE IT
IN TI—

WOOSH



YOR,
LOOK
OUT!

FWAM

BLEB
TRILL



TO BE HONEST... I'M FAIRLY SKILLED AT SELF-DEFENSE.

MY BROTHER TAUGHT ME.

...

OH! I'M SO SORRY! I SHOULDN'T BE TRYING TO TREAT HIS CONDITION AS A LAYPERSON!



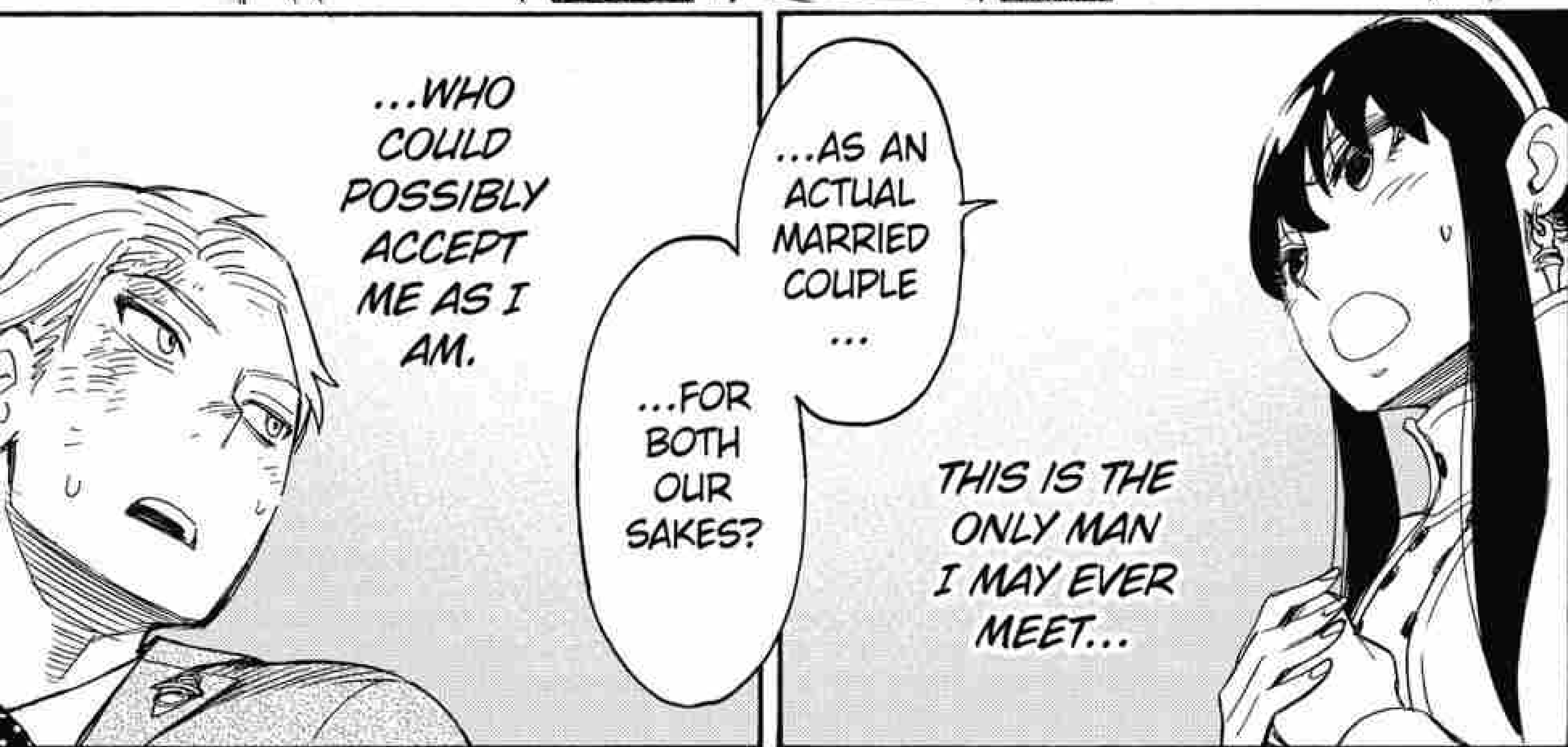






WHAT WOULD
YOU SAY TO
REMAINING
TOGETHER...

INSTEAD OF
PARTING WAYS
AFTER THE
INTERVIEW...



...WHO
COULD
POSSIBLY
ACCEPT
ME AS I
AM.

...AS AN
ACTUAL
MARRIED
COUPLE
...

...FOR
BOTH
OUR
SAKES?

THIS IS THE
ONLY MAN
I MAY EVER
MEET...



NO TIME
LIKE THE
PRESENT.

RIGHT
NOW
?!

WE CAN
SWING BY
THE COURT-
HOUSE ON
OUR WAY
HOME.

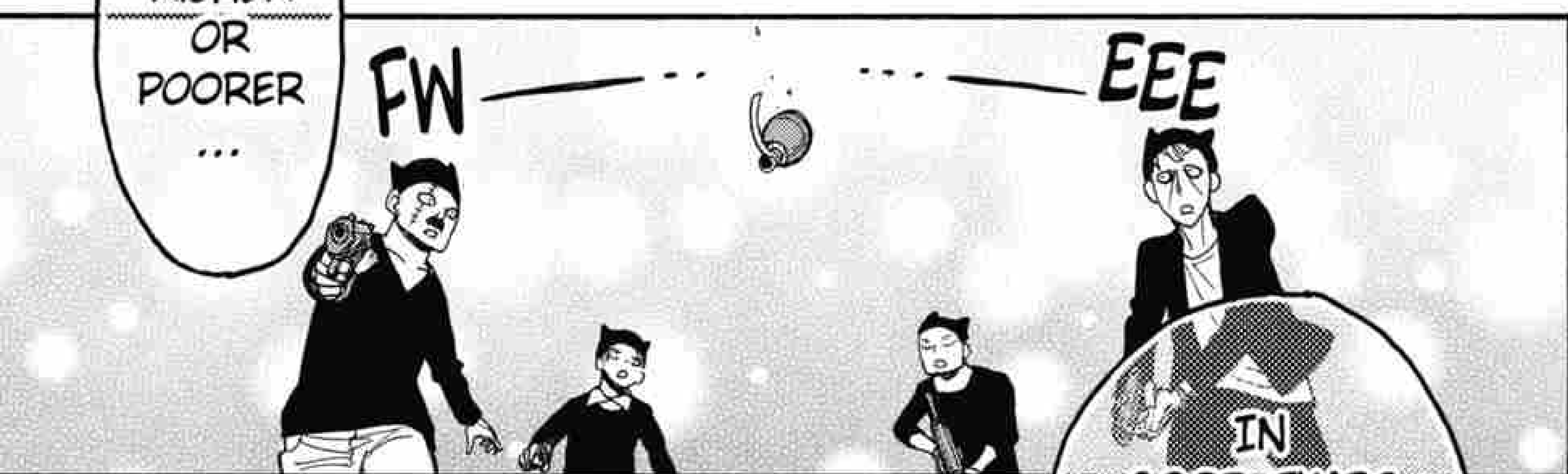




FOR
BETTER
OR
WORSE
...

...FOR
RICHER
OR
POORER
...

TINK



EEE

FW

IN
GOOD TIMES
AND IN BAD, IN
SICKNESS AND
IN HEALTH...

SHA



I
PLEDGE
MYSELF
TO YOU.





SPY×FAMILY

